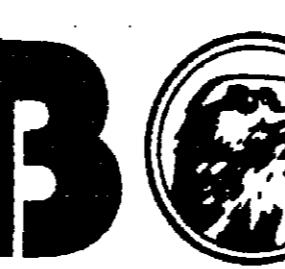




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Group 'hangs' Higgins; 'another will die today'

Cleric 'admits role, names kidnappers, details network'

BEIRUT, July 31, (Agencies): Pro-Iranian extremists said they hanged Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins today in retaliation for the Israeli abduction of a Hezbollah spiritual leader, and the group holding another American hostage threatened to kill him tomorrow.

The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth, an offshoot of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, released a videotape of a man who appeared to be Higgins hanging from a gallows today and said they had killed him at 3 pm.

Several hours later, the Revolutionary Justice Organisation, another offshoot

of Hezbollah, said it would kill American University of Beirut deputy controller Joseph Cicippio tomorrow if Hezbollah leader Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid was not released by Israel.

The threat against Cicippio came in a statement delivered to the office of the independent An-Nahar newspaper accompanied by a colour photograph showing Cicippio bearded and smiling. There was no independent confirmation.

A colour videotape delivered to Western news agencies in Beirut about an

hour after Higgins' reported execution showed a man who appeared to be Higgins hanging from a gallows inside a room. The body was dressed in khaki fatigues and his hands and bare feet were bound.

The 30-second tape included a close-up shot that showed Higgins' face clearly, and a United Press International reporter and other journalists who had seen other photographs and videotapes of Higgins said they were sure the dead man was the US Marine officer.

Higgins' wife, Marine Major Robin Higgins, who took administrative leave today from her job as a public affairs officer at the Pentagon, watched the videotape from Lebanon but said she was unable to determine whether it was her husband. She appealed to the captors in Lebanon "to put an end to this needless cycle of violence and victimisation by releasing my husband right now and sending him home."

There had been previous unconfirmed reports that Higgins died in torture shortly after he was kidnapped in February 1988, and the group had threatened to kill Higgins twice before the most recent ultimatum. There was nothing in the videotape released today to show what date it was taken.

A one-page typewritten statement from the Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth said Higgins was executed because "the criminal America did not consider our threats as serious."

"The American spy was hanged at 3 pm ... to make him a lesson," said the statement attached to the videotape. "We reiterate our stand that the Sheikh (Obeid) must be freed along with his two brothers (relatives) because what will happen next will be worse."

"Let America and Israel shoulder the whole responsibility."

In Nicosia, Cyprus, an anonymous caller claiming to speak for the group said the body was dumped behind St Joseph Hospital in a south Beirut slum and that it had been picked up by Syrian troops.

But an Associated Press reporter who visited the neighbourhood, a Shiite stronghold, said residents all told her they saw no body or unusual activity near the abandoned hospital.

Earlier, Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel had to take unusual measures because of the lawlessness in Lebanon.

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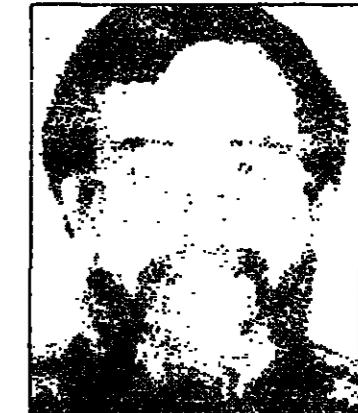
Higgins as he appeared hanged in a videotape issued by his captors. (Reuter wirephoto)



Amal leader Nabih Berri during an interview with Reuters at his office in Damascus in which he said that Israel was massing troops in South Lebanon in preparation for new raid.



Abductors of Higgins, shown in this undated file photo, said they had hanged him. The statement said it had executed Higgins because the US and Israel "did not take seriously our decision."



Photograph of American hostage Joseph Cicippio delivered to a newspaper in West Beirut. Abductors of Cicippio said they would kill him if Obeid was not freed on Tuesday. (AP)

Few left to kill as Beirut dies

BEIRUT, July 31, (Agencies): The coastal highway leading south from the capital was jammed with cars today as thousands more residents fled the city to escape shelling duels that left 14 dead and 110 wounded overnight.

"I'm not going to return unless it's all over this time," said Samiha Rashdan, a Sunni Muslim housewife leaving with her husband and three teenage sons. "We returned from South Lebanon last week only to get caught in the new mad shelling."

Many of the cars had mattresses, beds and other household goods packed high onto the roof, indicating residents were not planning to return.

Police estimated that only 200,000 of the city's regular 1.5 million inhabitants remained in the city — the rest having fled since the fight between Gen. Michel Aoun's 20,000 mainly Christian troops and the Syrian Army broke out March 8.

The lastest casualties brought the toll since then to 516 dead and 2,158 wounded.

Police said the 11-hour overnight battle that rained shells on every neighbourhood of the divided city was one of the worst ever in Lebanon's civil war.

"It looks like both sides are bent on destroying Beirut. This is a scorched earth bombardment rarely matched in previous civil war rounds," the spokesman said.

The spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations, said two hospitals in Christian East Beirut as well as the Turkish embassy and the Belgian ambassador's residence near Aoun's palace took direct hits in the bombardment from 5 pm (1400 GMT) yesterday to 4 am (0100 GMT) today.

Aoun's residence, the presidential palace in suburban Baabda east of Beirut, was battered with sustained barrages from BM-21 multi-barrelled Syrian launchers that fire 40 rockets a minute. But Aoun, 54, who lives in the palace bunker, was not hurt, the police spokesman said.

An Arab mediating team formed two months ago to stop fighting in Lebanon said today its efforts had reached a dead end.



Marwan Fayomi, 3, cries amid the rubble of her Beirut home, as an old woman sits in shock. Kuwait's Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah on Monday called upon all Lebanese parties to co-operate with the Arab League's tripartite committee entrusted to bring peace to Lebanon.

Speaking to reporters, Sheikh Sabah said that "what is going on in Lebanon is painful to everyone in the Arab world."

He appealed to Lebanese people to observe God for the sake of their country, expressing hope that all would assist the Lebanese to end their tragedy. (Reuter wirephoto)

Syria buys China M-9

ABU DHABI, July 31, (AP): China is to supply Syria with an unlimited number of 600-kilometre (375-mile) long-range missiles, the newspaper Al Ittihad reported today.

"Syria signed an agreement with China on May 18 for receiving Chinese-made M-9 surface-to-surface missiles," the United Arab Emirates daily said.

Quoting unidentified American defence specialists, the paper said the deal would provide Damascus with "significant strategic deterrent power and vast destructive potential."

The sources said Syria turned to China following its failure to obtain Soviet-made SS-23 missiles, which have a range of 500 kilometres.

The paper said Syria currently has 36 platforms for Soviet-made SS-21 missiles, with a range of 180 kilometres (112 miles) and 24 platforms for the 300-kilometre (187-mile) SS-23s.

Dutch applaud murder — the world's a stage

THE HAGUE, July 31, (Reuter): A crowd at a Dutch outdoor cafe applauded as they watched a man shoot dead his companion, believing they were watching well-acted theatre — but it was real-life murder.

Police said the two men were walking by the cafe when one man, in a seemingly dramatic gesture, pushed his companion to the ground, pulled out a pistol and shot him five times.

Patrons at the cafe, in the Dutch town of Nijmegen applauded what they believed was a

spontaneous piece of street theatre.

Their impression of a play was strengthened when the killer calmly strolled to a nearby telephone to report to police and wait to be arrested.

"Some people sitting at the cafe didn't realise what was happening. They thought it was all an act. But it was a settling of accounts between two men with past criminal records," a police spokesman said.

Police said the man was being questioned in a murder probe.

towards us from the very beginning, and they have continued this policy," Velayati said.

Rafsanjani, 54, who emerged as Iran's new strongman after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini June 3, won an overwhelming victory in Friday's presidential election, capturing 94.5 per cent of the vote.

Velayati told reporters that Rafsanjani has said many times before that when the United States abandons hostility towards us and returns our confiscated properties, it will have shown its good will.

Rafsanjani, currently speaker of the 270-member Parliament or Majlis, has said that US expressions of "good will" would lead to better ties and allow Iran to reciprocate by using its influence to free nine US hostages believed held by pro-Iranian extremists in Lebanon.

Velayati said bilateral relations would be the major topic of discussion when Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrives in Tehran later today.

Despite its official policy of "neither East nor west," which Velayati said would con-

tinue, Iran's recent confrontations with the West have moved it closer to its northern neighbour, the Soviet Union.

Improvement in Tehran-Moscow ties were highlighted by Rafsanjani's trip to Moscow last month, where he signed a string of agreements totalling \$6 billion, including an arms deal to replenish Iran's depleted military hardware.

But Rafsanjani is expected gradually to steer the country away from hostility towards the West laid down by Khomeini when he founded the Islamic republic.

Under a new foreign policy approach forced by Rafsanjani, Tehran's ties with the West gradually improved after last August's ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war.

But Rafsanjani's efforts were ended by Khomeini's Feb 14 death decree against the Indian-born British writer, Salman Rushdie.

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Anguished family waits

NEW YORK, July 31, (AP): Relatives of Lt Col William Higgins reacted with shock, anger and disbelief today after pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims announced the Marine had been hanged.

In Lancaster, Kentucky, where Higgins spent summers as a youth, his aunt, Leona Huffman, said she saw TV reports of the purported killing, but after 11-2

hours of uncertainty about her nephew's fate, she remained sceptical.

"I'm just not going to believe anything until I hear direct," said Mrs Huffman, sister of Higgins' late mother, Ethel.

Mrs Huffman blamed the kidnappers for the death in February of her brother, a retired judge.

"Unless you would go through something like this, you'd have no idea what this has been to us," she said. "My brother that worshipped this child — I think what killed him ... was grief."

Higgins' sister Mary Fisher said the US State Department had called her in the Louisville, Kentucky, suburb of Okolona. "I will not reveal what they said," she said.

Linda Lee Miller, another of Higgins' sisters who lives in the Memphis, Tennessee, suburb of Bartlett, said she would have a statement later in the day.

In Knoxville, Tennessee, Leonard Smith, a cousin of Higgins, said of the report, "that's just appalling."

Yellow ribbons still fluttered from trees, doors, churches and schools around Lancaster today — the town's continuing sign of sympathy for the hostage and his family.

still hoping Higgins had not been killed.

US Secretary of State James Baker III called the reported killing "outrageous and uncivilized behaviour," but added he "not in a position to confirm the accuracy of the report."

In Washington, State Department officials speaking on condition of anonymity described as credible news reports that the victim in the

videotape was Higgins. They were unable to say, however, whether the taping was done this morning or earlier.

The French Foreign Ministry issued a brief statement in Paris saying, "if it is true, the news of the murder of Col. Higgins can only inspire a sentiment of horror."

In Amman, Jordan's Information Minister Nasouh Majali said, "this is horrible ... it is part of the vicious cycles in Lebanon."

Iran seeks resumption of ties... 'but the United States is another matter' — Velayati

TEHRAN, July 31, (AP): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati indicated today there will be no dramatic change in the Islamic republic's foreign policy when Iran's new President, Hashemi Rafsanjani, takes over.

Velayati told a news conference Iran would like to resume relations "with all countries with which there is no hurdle in establishing ties."

"But the United States is another matter," he said.

The Americans adopted a hostile policy

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Group 'hangs' Higgins

Profile

WASHINGTON, July 31, (UPI): Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins was head of a UN truce-monitoring force in Lebanon when he was taken hostage on Feb 17, 1988.

The decorated Vietnam veteran was snatched from one of two UN vehicles on a coastal road near the port city of Tyre, 45 miles (72 km) south of Beirut, en route to the town of Naqura, near the Israeli frontier.

The following day, an anonymous telephone caller purporting to speak for the previously unknown Islamic Revolutionary Brigades claimed responsibility for kidnapping Higgins and accused Higgins of being a CIA agent.

"William Higgins has become one of the hostages," the caller said in a telephone call to the office of a Western news agency in West Beirut. "He will not be released before trying him on grounds that he is one of the CIA directors in southern Lebanon."

The Defence Department said Higgins had been assigned to the Pentagon for two years ending in June 1987 where he worked as an administrative assistant to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

A Defense Department spokesman said Higgins was "absolutely not" an intelligence officer.

The Washington Post said at the time of his abduction that Higgins may have attracted attention to himself by telling many people that he had worked for Weinberger. The newspaper, quoting sources close to the UN Truce Supervision Organisation, or UNTSO, said Higgins presented himself as a "sort of super envoy, as Casper Weinberger's envoy."

UNTSO oversees the 1949 armistice between Israel and Lebanon in southern Lebanon.

On Feb 22, the Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth released a videotape of Higgins reading the group's demands for his release. The group, an offshoot of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah had threatened to kill Higgins twice before the most recent ultimatum.

Higgins was among 17 foreign hostages held in Lebanon, including nine Americans. He was the first American serviceman abducted there.

Shiite Muslim Amal sources accused a powerful Hezbollah clergyman, Abbas Al Musawi, of ordering the abduction. The Hezbollah is linked to the Islamic Jihad Organisation that had claimed responsibility for the abductions of three Americans and four French nationals.

The Tyre region is controlled by the Hezbollah and the Shiite Amal militia. Sources within the UN



The pro-Iranian group holding US Lt Col William Higgins, shown in undated file photo, said in a statement it had hanged him and issued a videotape showing him dead. (Reuter wirephoto)

Interim Force in Lebanon said UN troops and Amal considered the kidnapping a direct challenge to their authority in southern Lebanon.

A Shiite Amal field leader in Tyre said Nabil Berri, leader of the militia group, gave "strict orders" to find Higgins. "Our chief told us not to sleep before discovering the hideout of the American," he said.

Hezbollah had accused UN peace-keepers in the region of collaborating with Israel and of disrupting commando attacks across southern Lebanon. In September 1986, four French UN troops were killed in attacks by pro-Iranian extremists within a few days.

Higgins arrived in Lebanon in June 1987 and in January 1988 became the head of the 75-member

UNTSO.

On the day of his abduction, he had left an afternoon meeting with an Amal political leader in Tyre and was wearing his American uniform with a blue UN beret. He was unarmed in accordance with a UNTSO regulation.

Three UNTSO members in a car driving ahead of Higgins realised he was missing when they lost eye contact with his jeep. Wagoner after rounding a curve in the road. Higgins' vehicle was found abandoned about 4 miles (6.5 km) south of Tyre.

Lebanese sources said gunmen pulled Higgins from his jeep, pushed him into a car, sped off to a mountainous region southeast of Tyre, then switched cars near the village of Qana.

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Cicippio, 56, the American University of Beirut's deputy comptroller, was kidnapped Sept 12, 1986. The Revolutionary Justice Organisation also claims to hold another American hostage, Edward Tracy, 55, who was abducted Oct 21, 1986.

The threat by Cicippio's captors said the Revolutionary Justice Organisation "intends to carry out a rapid and just execution" if Israel does not release Obeid, but said a deadline for the killing would not be set until 6 pm (11 am EDT).

"We will set ultimatum to carry out the death sentence at six pm tomorrow if the Sheikh is not released before that time, and the world will watch the execution clearly," the statement said.

The Israeli military command said today that Obeid confessed to personal involvement in planning, guiding and aiding the kidnapping of Higgins.

The Army said Obeid has revealed the names of Higgins' captors.

"From first evidence from a continuing investigation of Obeid and according to his confessions in the investigation," an Army spokesman said, "it was revealed that the Sheikh was personally involved in planning and guiding and aiding the following terrorist acts: The kidnapping of two Israeli Army soldiers, Rachamim Alsheikh and Yosef Fink in February 1986; carrying out terror acts against Israeli forces; and the kidnapping of Col Higgins and his transfer to Beirut and the hiding of his kidnappers in his home in Jibshit."

The spokesman, who demanded anonymity in keeping with standing regulations, added that during the investigation, Obeid "revealed the names of the kidnappers and more details on the terrorist acts of the Hezbollah organisation and its connection with Iran. The investigation continues."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman Avi Pazner said Israel was still awaiting confirmation of the death of Higgins.

He declined comment on threats made by Shiite Muslim groups in Beirut and in a phone call to Cyprus to kill another US hostage, Joseph Cicippio, and the British Anglican church envoy Terry Waite.

Pazner said the killing of Higgins would be "an odious and criminal act." But he suggested in a telephone interview that if Higgins was dead he may have been killed much earlier than claimed.

"We have to be very cautious with a possible reaction because you remember a year ago the same organisation claimed they executed Col Higgins after the accidental shooting down of an Iranian airplane by the US Navy."

In Washington Senate minority leader Robert Dole strongly criticised Israel for kidnapping Obeid, saying it had endangered the lives of the American hostages.

■ Western Europe swiftly joined President George Bush today in expressing shock and horror at the reported hanging of Higgins, fighting for 20 years to establish a Marxist state.

Also today, the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines, an organisation of Catholic clerics, urged the two sides to "enter into a ceasefire immediately" and agree to new talks "to arrive at a peaceful solution to the war without conditions."

There was no immediate response from either the government or the rebels.

Last week, the rebel National Democratic Front offered new peace talks if President Corazon Aquino agrees to close the six US military bases here in 1991.

Mrs Aquino has refused to resume peace talks, which broke down in January 1987, until the rebels lay down their arms.

Yesterday, the rebels said two of their captured leaders had been trying to arrange talks but their arrest last week "destroys any opportunity for peace."

Satur Ocampo, suspected chairman of the National Democratic Front, and his common-law wife, Carolina "Bobbie" Malay, were captured Thursday while driving along a residential street in suburban Makati.

Today, a civilian prosecutor in Makati filed charges of illegal weapons possession in connection with "with sedition and rebellion" against the pair.

40 killed in crossfire

Indian troops, Tamils in gunbattle

COLOMBO, July 31, (Agencies): Indian troops killed 33 Tamil guerrillas who attacked an Indian military camp in northwest Sri Lanka, officials said today.

Indian High Commission (embassy) officials said three soldiers were killed and four civilians died in crossfire during the seven-hour gunbattle yesterday at Adampan in Mannar district.

The battle with Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels took place a day after the token withdrawal of 600 of the 45,000 Indian soldiers on the island.

A spokesman for the Tigers rejected the large casualty figure.

Officials said about 150 guerrillas attacked the camp from the compound of a nearby abandoned church last night.

Indian troops are trying to dislodge the Tigers who rejected an Indo-Sri Lanka pact to end a Tamil separatist rebellion.

In New Delhi, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne was due to meet Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today for talks on the pact.

Officials said 25 rebels were wounded in the fighting. Wijeratne, who arrived in the Indian capital on Saturday, had talks with officials there on a timetable for the withdrawal of the remainder of the Indian troops and the devolution of power to minority Tamils in the north east.

As talks began in New Delhi, the leader of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPLF), Varatharajah Perumal, who is also the chief minister of the north-east provincial council, informed Indian premier that he wished to attend the talks too.

Thousands of people returned to work or went shopping today after a weekend curfew and anti-Indian protests in which nearly 170 people were killed.

Many of the deaths occurred in the central province when security forces fired at crowds who defied the curfew and shouted "Indian troops should go."

The curfew was reimposed today evening as a precaution, according to military sources.

The protests were led by the Leftist People's Liberation Front, whose campaign of killings and strikes has paralysed government rule in some southern and central areas.

Police blamed the front for an explosion under an Army truck which killed an old woman, her son and three security men yesterday in central Matale district.

They said 12 others were killed by the rebels in separate incidents over the past 24 hours.

In other developments suspected Sinhalese militants ambushed an Army patrol jeep in central Sri Lanka today, killing at least five people and injuring two, military officials said.

The jeep was attacked in the district of Matale, about 100 kilometres (65 miles) northeast of the capital of Colombo, said the officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

At least one soldier, two guards and two civilians were killed, they said.

Oil rig capsizes

MORGAN CITY, Louisiana, July 31, (UPI): A mobile oil rig capsized 20 miles (32 km) offshore in the Gulf of Mexico just before dawn today, possibly trapping 10 crewmen, the Coast Guard said.

"There were an estimated 14 people on board. Three were picked up by passing fishing boats and one was picked up by a Coast Guard helicopter," said Coast Guard spokesman Bob Morehead.

"The other 10 are unaccounted for and it is suspected they may be trapped on board."

The accident occurred in an area identified as ship shoal Block 123, about 20 miles (32 km) off the Louisiana Coast and 25 miles (40 km) south of Morgan City, a jumping off spot for the offshore oil and gas industry.

The area is about 220 miles (350 km) north of the centre of a tropical depression that showed signs of developing into a tropical storm during the day as it moved to the north-northwest.

The rig was identified tentatively as a jackup rig, a floating platform that can move from one position to another like a barge, then raise itself for drilling operations by extending legs to the seabed.

Teenagers detained

BARCELONA, Spain, July 31, (Reuters): Police arrested two teenagers caught making love on the floor of a Barcelona church.

A police spokesman said officers surprised an 18-year-old Spaniard and his Finnish girlfriend naked on the floor during a Sunday afternoon mass between services.

A magistrate is considering whether to charge the couple, currently the policeman said.

Police went to the church following a telephone tip-off.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Airplanes collide

ALLEGTON, Pennsylvania, July 31, (AP): Two small airplanes collided in flight and seven people were killed moments after one of the planes had dropped skydivers at an airport festival, authorities said. One person on the ground was injured.

"It was like a loud car collision — metal to metal," said Gary Wermuth, 45, of Allegton, who was working at a nearby shopping mall. "I looked out the window and I could see the tail section hit the ground."

He said one plane landed at the edge of the mall's parking lot, about 1,000 feet (300 metres) away, he said.

Strong wind

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 31, (UPI): At least 15 people were killed and 150 others injured yesterday when hurricane-force winds knocked down the walls of a clubhouse where about 250 people were watching a fashion show, officials said.

"Unfortunately the number of dead could go up because we have many people in grave condition," said Manoel Camara, mayor of the city of Ivinhema, 1,740 miles (2,800 km) southeast of Rio de Janeiro, where the disaster occurred.

Camara said some 250 people were in the clubhouse watching a fashion show when a strong wind gust caused part of the building to collapse.

Traffic accidents

PARIS, July 31 (KUNA): An estimated 80 persons were killed and some 1,069 others injured in car accidents over the last three days due to the rush on French roads with July holidaymakers returning home and the August ones leaving, according to preliminary figures given by the police.

On Friday, the first day of the exodus, the police said that it had registered 199 accidents in which 23 persons were killed and 290 others were injured.

The numbers went on increasing over the week-end to reach a total of 666 accidents over the last three days, they added.

Appeal to thieves

LUCERNE, Switzerland, July 31, (UPI): Irish flautist James Galway appealed to thieves to return five gold-plated and diamond-studded flutes worth \$246,000 and stolen at Lucerne railroad station.

Galway said in a public statement that the flutes would fetch only a fraction of their value as they would be recognised at once by experts.

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However, Steger has said they need to maintain a 20-to-30-mile (32-to-48-km-a-day) pace if they are going to cross 4,000 miles (6,400 km) of the continent in seven months.

However, the relatively slow pace of the first few days is not considered a problem, since the team still is accompanied by a French film crew.

Demoli said the crew made contact yesterday with members of their support crew at an Antarctic research base.

Cowboy killed

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, July 31, (UPI): A world champion rodeo rider was gored to death by a charging bull that rammed him after he turned his back.

Lane Frost, 25, of Quanah, Texas, died yesterday from a ruptured blood vessel he suffered when his ribs were broken in the attack, said Lane County coroner Roger Radomsky.

Spectators said Frost, the 1987 world champion bull-ridder, was thrown clear from the bull called K. Walsh, but the animal charged him as he walked away.

Marine life

RIMINI, Italy, July 31, (Reuters): Hundreds of boaters piled Italy's Adriatic coast yesterday in a fresh attempt to combat a plague of slimy algae which is slowly killing marine life.

Thousands of holidaymakers have cancelled bookings because of the slime which carpets the sea and has been washed up on beaches along a 200-km (125-mile) stretch of the coast.

From Venice to the port of Ancona, a flotilla of fishing naval and pleasure craft used propellers and pumps or dragged rubber tyres and ballast to dislodge the algae and force oxygen downward.

The association, which conducted an 18-month

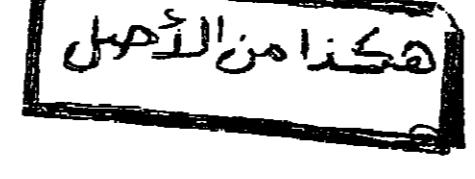
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Ignoring jeers, Utah supports fusion research

SALT LAKE CITY, July 31. (AP): Cold fusion researcher Stanley Pons has given up trying to convince critics that he and colleague Martin Fleischmann may have unlocked the power of the sun in a laboratory beaker.

But many physicists have ridiculed the notion of table-top, room-temperature fusion, it's become a boom industry in Utah, where the two chemists enjoy strong support.

Pons' University of Utah has leased a research centre and a Utah Congressman is preparing a bill to create a national centre here. A private group of boosters has been created to help Pons and Fleischmann win over non-believers.

Cruise ship to the rescue

Woman adrift, survives

NEW YORK, July 31. (UPI): A novice sailor who survived 14 days adrift in a dinghy, including four days alone after her companion became despondent and swam away from the life raft, was taken aboard a cruise ship and headed toward Bermuda today, the coast guard said.

Jeff Culver, 48, of Peascod, New Jersey, was suffering from exposure and sunburn when he was rescued yesterday morning by the US research vessel *Jeromeo*, about 450 miles southeast of New York, Coast Guard Petty Officer Jeff Crawley said.

She was without food or water when rescued, the Coast Guard said.

Culver was transferred to the cruise ship *Royal Viking Star* yesterday afternoon for treatment by ship's doctors

told the record of Hackensack, New Jersey.



Fire-fighter Ramon Tapia turns his face away to protect himself from the intense heat generated by a wall of flames as fire sweeps through trees near Meadow Lake, California Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Brothers Ryan and David Thompson sift through the remains of a neighbour's house Sunday after it was destroyed by a forest fire near New Aubrey, California. About a dozen homes and other large structures were destroyed. (Reuter wirephoto)

36,000 acres in flames

FRESNO, California, July 31. (Reuter): Ten thousand fire-fighters aided by gangs of prisoners yesterday fought brush fires in four western US states that have driven 2,500 people from their homes.

With the United States in its annual forest fire season, fires were burning across at least 36,000 acres (14,000 hectares) in California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington states.

Some 2,500 people have been evacuated from their homes in the Sierra Nevada foothills of central California, where 7,000 acres (3,000 hectares) of forest and brushland are burning.

"The fire nearly ran us down," said Melissa Roberts, who had ridden a horse to safety. "It was scary and the horse reared up, but we got through."

William Bruno of the California State Department of Forestry said the fire was believed to have been started by an arsonist. He said hot winds, temperatures of up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Centigrade) and dryness had created conditions far worse than usual.

5 on trial in Kenya in murder of tourist

NAIROBI, July 31. (Reuter): Five people went on trial today for the murder of a Danish tourist, but diplomats warn the country may be losing control of its game parks to heavily armed outlaws who will soon shoot tourists as elephants.

Dane Pelle Palm was killed last November with a bow and arrow before his horrified wife and children. The trial of four men and a woman which opened today was one of the few such cases to come to court in recent years.

President Daniel Arap Moi sought to reassure tourists yesterday telling them they should feel free to visit any part of the country.

But only last week an American woman was shot dead by robbers armed with machine-guns when they raided a tour group in the popular Tsavo National Park. It was the fifth such shooting in July.

The preferred weapon for Kenyan outlaws, whether after ivory or tourists, is the Soviet-made AK-47 automatic rifle.

Diplomats and travel agents say Kenya's tourist industry — its biggest hard currency earner, catering to 735,000 visitors a year — is at risk if the killing continues.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb explodes

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, July 31. (AP) A bomb blast rocked central Belfast today, but a warning call had prompted a mass evacuation and no one was killed. The outlawed Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

Hundreds of office workers, shoppers and pedestrians were hustled from the area before the 1,000-pound (453-kilogramme) bomb went off, police said.

There was widespread damage to surrounding buildings, and three people were treated for shock, police said. The bomb was planted in a laundry van parked beside the northern Ireland high court, a spokesman said.

Arms talks

GENEVA, July 31. (UPI) Delegates at the latest US-Soviet nuclear arms reduction talks, nearing a summer break, have not made progress on major issues, a US negotiator said today.

The round in Geneva, the first since US President George Bush took office, was "useful" and "productive in small ways," Linda Brooks, a deputy head of the US delegation, said in an interview with the bulletin of the US mission in Geneva.

Officials to meet

BRUSSELS, July 31. (UPI) Officials from 24 countries will meet tomorrow to discuss possible Western support for reforms in Poland and Hungary, European Economic executive commission spokesman said today.

The main aim of the meeting, convened by the commission, is "to make an inventory of various actions undertaken or envisaged" by the participating parties to help the two East bloc countries, the spokesman said.

The meeting will discuss economic co-operation, commercial co-operation, and food aid to Poland.

East Germans jailed

BONN, July 31. (UPI) The East German authorities jailed at least 64 people for political reasons in the first six months of this year, a spokesman for the West German Justice Authority said today.

He said the total number of new political prisoners in 1989 was expected to reach more than 2,000 by the end of the year.

Hans Juergen Grasman, spokesman for a West German Justice Ministry Department that investigates political arrests in East Germany, said most of the prisoners were charged with "interference with state activity."

Major cuts

BONN, July 31. (Reuters) West Germany's anti-NATO Greens Party today insisted on major cuts in defence spending before joining any coalition with the Opposition Social Democrats (SPD).

A senior Greens official said the party would not pursue unrealistic goals such as West Germany's withdrawal from NATO if national elections in December 1990 produced a "Red-Green" majority.

But Juergen Reents, a member of the National Committee of the Greens, told a news conference: "A clear reduction in defence spending would have to be approved by the SPD."

Carter calls for

OTTA, Nigeria, July 31. (Reuters) Former US President Jimmy Carter yesterday urged aid-giving countries and organisations to allocate more resources for agricultural development in Africa rather than concentrate on emergency food aid.

"The money that has gone into Ethiopia and Sudan in the last few years on an emergency basis could have brought an agricultural revolution and given us food security in Africa," he said.

Bombs conference

TOKYO, July 31. (KUNA) An international anti-nuclear bombs conference opened here today under the motto "for ridding the globe of nuclear weapons, for disarmament and peace."

The three-day gathering was sponsored by the Japanese National Congress for banning nuclear weapons, under the auspices of Japan's Socialist Party on the 44th anniversary of US bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.

Issues of human rights and the need for banning atomic and hydrogen bombs were high on the agenda of the conference which is convening for the fourth year separately from a similar forum that is scheduled to be held by the Japanese Communist Party here tomorrow.

Quayle lobbies

LOS ANGELES, July 31. (UPI) Vice-President Dan Quayle during a trip to Asia this spring lobbied foreign leaders on behalf of specific American companies, a practice traditionally shunned by American presidents and vice-presidents, the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday.

Import ban ends

MOSCOW, July 31. (Reuters) The Soviet Union has lifted all restrictions on importing the works of banned authors.

"The only restrictions are on material calling for the violent overthrow of the state and pornography," customs chief Vitaly Boyarov told a news conference today. "No authors are banned."

The censorship body Glavlit authorised unrestricted imports of all works by exiled author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, including "Gulag Archipelago" — his epic description of Stalin labour camps.



In all this glory

Thousands of anti-communist Poles, including ex-servicemen in their World War Two uniforms, gather in Warsaw on Sunday to unveil a memorial to the 1944 Warsaw uprising, whose anniversary was once banned in communist Poland. Participants were urged to boycott a similar ceremony by the government which plans to unveil a Warsaw uprising monument of its own on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Amend law: opposition

Yeltsin calls for special Congress

MOSCOW, July 31. (UPI) An opposition parliamentary group elected a five-man collective leadership including Boris Yeltsin yesterday and called for a special session of the Congress of People's Deputies in September to amend the constitution.

Amending the law of the land could change election procedures and let the newly formed faction of left-radical deputies get their members into the actual standing legislature, the Supreme Soviet, from which they were largely shut out in May voting.

The group also called for an unfettered press free of control of the Communist Party, restoration of the citizenship of dissidents such as exiled writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and a commission to investigate the concluded war in Afghanistan.

Although Yeltsin had been favoured to be the chairman of the left-radical deputies, the first such parliamentary opposition in Soviet history, he outpolled historian Yuri Afanasyev by only one vote, 144-143.

A five-man collective leadership was selected to run the faction of 566 members — Yeltsin, Afanasyev, economist Gavril Popov, Estonian Viktor Palm and scientist and rehabilitated dissident Andrei Sakharov.

At first rotation was considered of the five-man body, but the delegates decided on the collective leadership. Below the five-man body, there will be a 25-person committee handling the work of the faction.

Rivals accused

Conspiracy alleged

BELGRADE, July 31. (Reuters) Yugoslav Prime Minister Ante Markovic has accused opponents of plotting to topple his government and of blocking his efforts to bring in needed economic reforms.

Markovic did not name the plotters when he addressed yesterday a plenum of the Communists' Central Committee called to discuss worsening inter-ethnic relations. But he clearly alluded to Yugoslavia's biggest religious Serbs.

"A scenario is being drawn up to topple those who are held to blame for everything that is wrong in society," he said. "(The scenario) claims that the federal government is to blame."

"Every solution which the government offers is viewed through narrow national interests...most of the measures we have proposed have been blocked or hindered."

Markovic, a Croat, who took over his job only last March, is accused by Serbia of favouring the most economically-advanced republics of Slovenia and Croatia at the expense of the poorer south, including Serbia.

The Serbian media have suggested that Markovic wants to create social unrest in Serbia to prepare the way for the overthrow of its leaders.

Slovenia and Croatia fear that Serbia, under its popular President Slobodan Milosevic, wants to use its position as the largest of the Yugoslav federation's eight republics and provinces to impose its hegemony on the country.

A mass Serbian rally in Croatia this month highlighted the historical rivalry between the two regions and prompted Croatia to accuse Serbia of stirring up national divisions.

Appointment of amateur ambassadors distresses career diplomats in US

WASHINGTON, July 31. (Reuters) Chic Hecht, a former senator with no diplomatic experience, says his keen interest in golf and gambling makes him a perfect US ambassador to the Bahamas.

Evelyn Teegan, whose governmental background is confined to being executive director of the Minnesota Sea Belt Commission, will represent the United States in Fiji, Tonga and Tuvalu.

Joy Silverman, described by the White House as a "full-time" active participant in President George Bush's 1988 campaign, has been named envoy to the Caribbean islands of Barbados, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines.

These are just three of Bush's 44 diplomatic appointments that have provoked critics, who say his keen interest in golf and gambling makes him a perfect US ambassador to the Bahamas.

His most vocal critics is Democrat Paul Sarbanes, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which must approve each presidential nomination.

After the committee narrowly approved Florida property developer Joseph Zappala as envoy to Spain last week, Sarbanes complained: "We are being confronted with nominees who demonstrably have no qualifications other than large campaign donations."

Overall, the administration wants to have 67 per cent of

Call to dismantle 'Soviet empire'

MOSCOW, July 31. (AP) Andrei D. Sakharov, in an interview published yesterday, called for the complete dismantling of the Soviet Union's "empire-like" structure built on oppression and its replacement by a voluntary confederation.

The outspoken dean of the Soviet human rights movement reiterated his respect for President Mikhail Gorbachev, but told the weekly magazine Ogonyok that the country is on the verge of an economic catastrophe and that he considers a military or right-wing coup a possibility.

Sakharov, a member of the Congress of

People's Deputies Parliament who was heckled and cut off during several debates during the initial parliamentary sessions, said the Congress failed to address the Soviet Union's severe ethnic difficulties.

Thousands of Moldavians staged a new demonstration in the republic's capital Kishinev yesterday and threatened a general strike if local leaders failed to meet their demands for language concessions.

Some 30,000 people gathered in Kishinev's central square to mark the 40th anniversary on August 2 of the creation of the republic.



Price rises expected

Crowds in Poland fight their way into a Warsaw meat shop on Monday, the day before massive price rises are expected. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bid to 'oust Thatcher'

Howe denies report of revolt

LONDON, July 31. (AP) A move inside Britain's governing Conservative Party to oust Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was reported today after her shakeup of the cabinet.

A fight for the leadership would begin publicly at the party's annual conference in October, with a decision by the party's 373 lawmakers in the House of Commons in November.

Meanwhile, consumers stood in line for hours today to buy meat and sugar before price controls are lifted tomorrow and costs

soar. The controversial food price move was scheduled to take effect regardless of whether a new government was formed. It is endorsed by Rakowski, but criticised by Solidarity and some Marxist economists.

A critic of the plan, Politburo member Wladyslaw Bak, said it could raise food prices 300 to 400 per cent and turn the public against reforms unless it was introduced more cautiously.

Long lines formed in front of grocery shops in the capital today, with people reportedly waiting two hours to buy a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of sugar — the maximum allowed. Lines for low-cost rationed meat were even longer.

The plan to eliminate price controls to encourage farmers to produce more undermines the growing complexity of Poland's political changes.

Rakowski, a pragmatist who gathered support from party conservatives for his election Saturday to first secretary, supported the bold reform step and got the party to endorse it.

Solidarity, the main opposition, backs the reform generally but opposes it now because it feels the groundwork has not been laid and that when the already-high food prices go higher it will fuel social tension and strikes.

Communist Party spokesman Jacek Bielecki, discussing Rakowski's election today, said the new first secretary was picked for three reasons: He is an experienced and trusted politician, he is known internationally and, "he is a very good fighter... and wants to change the situation so that the party will get up from its knees."

After his election Saturday, Rakowski told fellow communists the party was not looking for a quarrel with the opposition, "but we will fight back if provoked," according to a text made public yesterday.

Rakowski urged members to be confident of their ability to compete with the powerful opposition movement, led by Solidarity.

"We are interested in real, constructive co-operation... for the good of the country. But if such constructive co-operation does not come about, the nation soon will see who it can really trust," he said.

Pinochet casts his vote in a referendum on constitutional reform Sunday in Santiago, Chile. (Reuter wirephoto)

Amir's message for presidents

OIC envoys for Sofia

ANKARA, July 31. (Agencies) Two representatives of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) left Turkey for Bulgaria today to try to resolve a dispute over a flood of ethnic Turkish refugees crossing into Turkey.

Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Suleiman Majid Al Shaheen, accompanied by OIC Secretary General Hamid Al Ghahib, will give President Todor Zhivkov a message from HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the OIC chairman.

Turkish officials said Shaheen delivered a separate message today from the Amir to Turkish President Kenan Evren giving his views on the

dispute.

Al Shaheen told reporters on arrival in Ankara that they will be hearing from Turkish and Bulgarian officials on the problem of the Muslim Turkish minority in Bulgaria with a view to settling the issue.

Mainly Muslim Turkey appealed to the OIC for a special meeting to discuss the plight of about 220,000 refugees who have left Bulgaria for Turkey since early June. The officials said Ghahib was consulting members about a meeting.

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Chilean voters OK 54 amendments

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 31. (AP) Fifty-four constitutional reforms approved by Chilean voters will help revive democracy after 16 years of military rule, both the government and opposition say.

But there are agreement ends.

The opposition has promised to push for more reforms, including a clause that would prevent Gen. Augusto Pinochet from continuing to run the Army after he steps down as president next year.

The reforms approved yesterday included amendments that would lift a ban on Marxist activities, and political exile and reduce the powers of the president.

The government said the final tally was 5,735,032 million votes in favour and 550,888 against, meaning 85.7 per cent of the voters approved of the amendments. Void and blank votes totalled 408,868.

The 54 reforms, which were the result of an unprecedented agreement between the military government and its foes, should help stabilise the political system, government and opposition leaders said.

Pinochet, in a speech on national radio and television late yesterday, called the vote "historic" and said the amended constitution is "the most efficient way to consolidate an authentically democratic system."

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs lambasted Bush for his nomination of Thomas Strook, a Wyoming oilman who was a major contributor to the president's campaign, as envoy to Guatemala.

"Strook's appointment to this troubled country has to be interpreted as a sign from the White House that Washington is less serious about curbing rights abuses or preventing Guatemalan's return to open military rule," the council said in a statement.

All mention of Marxism-Leninism, the party ideology adopted at a congress in 1977, was dropped in favour of a general commitment to socialism.

Leader in ANC may be freed

JOHANNESBURG, July 31. (Agencies) Pretoria may free Walter Sisulu, South Africa's best-known political prisoner after Nelson Mandela, before the general election on Sept. 6, government sources said today.

Sisulu, 77, one of the fathers of black resistance to apartheid, has been in prison since police seized him and other African National Congress leaders, including Mandela, at Rivonia, near Johannesburg.

Conventional wisdom has been that South Africa will not release its most prominent prisoners until after the election, which the ruling National Party is expected to win.

But government sources said the process of freeing Sisulu and his colleagues — including possibly Mandela — may start before the election.

"It depends on how Alberiza behaves," said one source, referring to Sisulu's wife, herself a symbol of protest.

Asked about Mandela, the sources indicated that Sisulu and four other people convicted in the Rivonia trial would be freed first, one by one.

Meanwhile, Alberiza Sisulu returned yesterday from a trip abroad and more than 200 singing, dancing supporters welcomed the 71-year-old black woman home.

Mrs Sisulu had been granted a 31-day passport to allow her to accept an invitation from US President George Bush to meet with him in Washington.

She met with Bush last month and led a delegation of leaders of the banned United Democratic Front in meetings with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson and with officials in Belgium and France.

"I am so happy to be back with my people," Mrs Sisulu told the airport crowd.

Mrs Sisulu had urged Bush and Mrs Thatcher to impose more sweeping economic sanctions against South Africa to force the white-controlled government to negotiate with the black majority. Neither has endorsed such an idea.

Photo-copied statements threatening death to South African blacks

China-Viet row threatens talks

Rivals demand destruction of other's Cambodian protégés

PARIS, July 31. (Agencies): A head-on clash between China and Vietnam today apparently torpedoed peace hopes at the Paris international conference on Cambodia, diplomats said.

Both Beijing and Hanoi uncompromisingly demanded the destruction of each other's Cambodian protégés, threatening the future of the 19-nation forum which opened yesterday.

The conference was called to end years of turmoil in the Southeast Asian state. Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978, sweeping away a ruthless, four-year communist experiment by the Chinese-backed



Cambodian supporters of Prince Norodom Sihanouk applaud and cheer at the end of the first session of the International Peace Conference on Cambodia in Paris on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A Cambodian woman carries her baby as she joins an exodus from a Khmer Rouge camp on the Thai-Cambodian border after recent shelling. Artillery exchanges along the border coinciding with the Paris conference have created a new sense of nervousness. (Reuter wirephoto)

LDP rejects new nominee

Back to square one

TOKYO, July 31. (Reuter): Faction leaders in Japan's ruling party threw out the nomination of the party's emerging young leader, Secretary-General Ryutaro Hashimoto, to replace Prime Minister Souzuke Uno, party officials said today.

Political analysts said Hashimoto was dumped because he was too independent and too strong a personality for Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) elders, who like to maintain influence over the party leader.

Hashimoto was seen as capable and relatively untouched by the recent Recruit share-for-favours scandal in which most of the LDP's leaders were implicated.

Party officials said the new LDP leader will be chosen on August 8 and formally named premier at an extraordinary session of Parliament on August 10.

Hashimoto was the main campaigner for the LDP in the election for the upper house and was widely named as the front-runner last week, even receiving an endorsement from a rival faction

Im's fellow strikers hospitalised

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31. (AP): A South Korean radical student illegally visiting North Korea entered the fifth day of a hunger strike today, demanding to return home directly across the border dividing the peninsula, reports said.

Meanwhile, South Korea's intelligence agency said today it was investigating three dissidents charged with violation of national security laws for allegedly meeting anti-US and anti-government activity.

The students, Im Su-Kyong, and a Roman Catholic priest reportedly were fasting in the northern part of the demilitarized zone in the town village of Panmunjom. News reports say they want the Seoul government and the US-led United Nations command to let them cross the

leader, former Finance Minister Kichi Miyazawa.

"The faction bosses are all unable to run themselves, because of the Recruit scandal," said political analyst Soichiro Tahara.

Hashimoto, because of his charismatic style, encountered strong opposition within his own group, and it seems he gave up without a fight," he added.

The decision not to field Hashimoto, 52, in the party's August 8 ballot for party leader came at a midnight meeting of the faction headed by disgraced former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who resigned last month over the Recruit affair.

The meeting decided not to propose Hashimoto or Shin Kanemaru, 77, another widely tipped possibility for the job.

Japanese newspapers speculated that former Education Minister Toshiaki Kaito, 57, might be nominated, mainly because he comes from a tiny faction and could therefore be chosen as a compromise among the stronger factions.

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Meanwhile, North Korea's official news agency, monitored in Tokyo, said at least four people who had joined Ms Im in the hunger strike had been taken to a nearby hospital today after "falling into a state of stupor."

Khmer Rouge under leader Pol Pot, in which over a million people died.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach called for a definitive eradication of the Khmer Rouge — core of a United Nations-recognised resistance coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China, the other main foreign protagonist in the conflict, said the conference should accept nothing less than a total settlement replacing the pro-Hanoi Phnom Penh government with an interim coalition including the Khmer Rouge.

China and the resistance are seeking guarantees of an end of foreign interference in the country.

At the same time, Vietnam and the Khmer Rouge exchanged mutual accusations of behaving like Nazi Germans.

Foreign Minister Thach told the conference: "The genocidal Pol Pot regime must be eradicated definitively in the same way as were the fascist regimes in Germany and Italy and the militarist regime in Japan following the end of World War Two."

Khmer Rouge leader Khiem Samphan retorted later: "The Vietnamese crimes, by their scale and atrocity, are equal to those committed by the Nazis during World War Two."

Khiem Samphan, Cambodia's president under the Khmer Rouge administration of Pol Pot from 1975-79, told the conference that Vietnam was trying to exterminate the Cambodian people.

Diplomats said the conference, due to last till early August, started off too polarised to make significant progress.

"Some minor compromises could come out of this, but it looks like any formal agreement on any significant issue is out of the question," a Western diplomat said.

Thach, referring to the Khmer Rouge, said: "The perpetrators of genocide must be punished and this conference should not grant them any legal status and particularly any veto power under any circumstances whatsoever."

"Any solution that fails to ensure the eradication of the genocidal Pol Pot regime will not be acceptable to the Cambodian people as well as to the other peoples of the world."

He said the Khmer Rouge should "not be allowed to have armed forces and political organisation nor should it be given a legitimate status in the hope of preventing it from starting a civil war and restoring its genocidal regime."

Qian, in his first appearance abroad since China suppressed pro-democracy demonstrators in June, said the Khmer Rouge had to have a share of power: "Any attempt to exclude any one party will never succeed."

China, the United States and the resistance coalition of Sihanouk, the Khmer Rouge and former Prime Minister Son Sann, advocate the sending of UN-sanctioned forces to verify a planned withdrawal of Vietnamese troops in September.

Qian said China would not stop arming and aiding the resistance until a comprehensive pact arranged international verification that Hanoi had ended its 10-year military presence in Cambodia and set up an interim coalition including all four warring factions.

China is ready to provide an international guarantee, together with other countries. For the independent, sovereign, neutral and non-aligned status of Cambodia," Qian said.

"China will join the other countries concerned in undertaking to cease military assistance to the Cambodian parties," Qian said.

The dissident candidate declared that the election will determine whether the country's faction-ridden politics can get rid of the "one-Roh, three-Kim system". He claimed in blocking the country's democratic development.

He said President Roh Tae-woo's government and the three main opposition parties, headed by Kim Dae-Jung, Kim Young-Sam and Kim Jong-Pil, are locked in perennial political wrangling.

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US Secretary of State James Baker began a meeting with Qian at 3:22 pm (13:22 GMT) in the French Foreign Ministry building where the 1972 to 1973 peace talks took place.



Tornado kills five

A TORNADO swept through a shanty district early Monday killing at least five people on the main Philippine island of Luzon.

At least six other people were injured when the tornado blew down walls and ripped roofs off shanties in the suburb of Malabon, the Office of Civil Defence reported.

The bodies of a man, his wife and two daughters aged 4 and 6 were found in the debris of a shanty after the storm blew down the firewall of an adjacent factory, the office

said. Another man who was injured in the incident died later in a hospital, said spokeswoman Emilia Tadeo. She said at least 18 houses were flattened while the roofs of 30 other houses were blown off, and 25 families were evacuated to schools in the area.

Picture shows the residents viewing what remains of three shanty houses that were destroyed when the tornado toppled a six-metre wall in a Manila suburb. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

China, USSR agree

NEW YORK, July 31. (AP): The Soviet Union and China have agreed to hold talks in November on reducing troops along the Sino-Soviet border, according to the official Soviet News Agency Tass.

In a dispatch from Paris monitored in New York, Tass reported yesterday that the agreement was made in a meeting of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen.

The two ministers were in Paris on the day before the opening of an international conference on ending the Cambodian conflict.

Resettlement

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 31. (AP): The United States and Vietnam yesterday announced an agreement allowing former Vietnamese political prisoners and their relatives to resettle. A statement said the two sides hoped to begin the resettlement process by October.

After communist forces toppled the US-backed South Vietnam government in April 1975, hundreds of thousands of people were put into re-education camps for manual labour and political study because of their ties with the old regime. Vietnam has said all but about 120 have been freed.

The US government has sought a formal programme for their resettlement since 1982, but political bickering and other problems barred progress.

Search for MIAs

BANGKOK, July 14. (UPI): US military officials flew to Vietnam today to begin another search for servicemen missing in action since the Vietnam war and to receive 15 sets of suspected MIA remains, a US embassy spokesman said.

Two investigating teams will arrive in Hanoi to work on the seventh joint mission to investigate incidents involving Americans missing in Vietnam", embassy spokesman James Williams said. "Also, Vietnam will repatriate 15 sets of remains which may be Americans."

Lt Col James Spurgeon is leading the investigating teams which will spend between 15 and 20 days searching the countryside for remains of some of the 1,713 soldiers listed as missing in action in Vietnam, Williams said.

"The US government recognises and appreciates the efforts of the Vietnamese government which resulted in this unilateral repatriation," he said.

Air fares cut

BEIJING, July 31. (Reuters): China's state airline announced a 20 percent fare cut on 71 domestic routes from today until the end of the year to reverse a sharp drop in passengers since a military crackdown in June.

The New China News Agency quoted a Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) spokesman as saying the reduction would be for all passengers. Fares on foreign routes will not be reduced.

The spokesman said half a million fewer passengers travelled on CAAC in June than a year ago. Foreign passengers dropped 54 percent.

Hooker detained

SYDNEY, July 31. (Reuters): An Australian prostitute with AIDS is being confined in hospital to prevent her infecting clients.

Medical experts said today they believed it was the first time someone with AIDS had been detained against their will in Australia.

Peter Collins, health minister for the state of New South Wales, told Channel 10 Television the prostitute, named only as Sharleen, was being confined for the sake of the community. Sydney's Prince Henry Hospital.

Sharleen said she had contracted AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) by picking up a used hypodermic syringe in Sydney's red light district of King's Cross.

Entertainment cuts

TOKYO, July 31. (Reuters): An influential Japanese business organisation called on companies today to cut entertainment expenses used in some cases to bribe politicians.

The Japan Association of Corporate Executives said the Recruit share-for-favours scandal appeared to reveal a drop in business's moral standards in using company money.

"Japan's business expenses have been soaring year after year and are huge compared with those in the United States and European countries," the association said in a statement.

"It cannot be denied that company expenses for entertainment have been sometimes used as bribes," an association official said.

Japanese survey

TOKYO, July 31. (AP): Nearly 60 per cent of Japanese expect global disarmament to be realised, according to a government survey published today.

In an apparent reflection of easing East-West tensions, the prime minister's office survey showed 59.9 per cent of the respondents said they are expecting world-wide disarmament to be realised, compared to 30.5 per cent found in a similar poll in 1981. It did not provide margin of error.

The survey was conducted in January and asked the opinions of 2,281 randomly selected people age 20 or over.

Chinese defectors turned over to South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31. (AP): A Chinese Army major and his wife who crossed the border from North Korea have been turned over to South Korean authorities for investigation, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

"As soon as their intentions are confirmed, their case will be settled by respecting their wishes and in accordance with international laws and customary practices," ministry spokesman Chang Choon said.

Maj Zuo Xiuai, 40, and his wife told the US-led UN command they were seeking political asylum in

a third country when they crossed the border on Saturday at Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone, according to intelligence sources.

Some speculated their defection was motivated by China's recent harsh crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations.

The newspaper Joong-Ang Daily News, quoting unidentified sources, said the Chinese couple wanted to go to the United States. The US embassy in Seoul declined to comment.

Seoul-based foreign journalists, who often met

the Chinese defectors, said they speak fluent English and had served in the Chinese embassies in India and Britain before being assigned to Panmunjom two years ago.

After crossing the border, the couple initially was under the protective custody of the UN command, which has jurisdiction over the southern half of the demilitarized zone along the Korean border.

Foreign Ministry officials said the Chinese would not be granted asylum in South Korea under its traditional policy of denying political asylum to foreigners.

Public transport reduces air pollution: study

Taxi service disorganised

ACCORDING to a study prepared by the Department of Research and Studies at the Ministry of Interior, social and economic aspects have greatly affected public transport services in the country and positively contributed to the reduction of air pollution and traffic congestion. Other important indicators reveal the low percentage of public transport users among Kuwaitis and the high percentages of users among the limited income group.

The study further said that public transport saves the public user up to at least

KD30 million because of subsidised fuel, besides reducing the total number of vehicles on the road.

It adds that public transport can considerably help reduce traffic accidents for which private cars are responsible. The element of safety is at its peak in the case of buses due to their bulky size, weight and movement within speed limits.

Vanettes

The study also reveals that vanettes contribute 12 per cent of the total transport business on a daily basis. Those who fail to hop on buses could catch a vanette

to drop them home from work. The total number of vanettes in operation amounted to 70,000 which daily provides transport to 232,000 passengers.

The prevalence of vanettes is not just a threatening rival to public transportation but also another factor responsible for traffic congestions and social and economic problems. The varying driving skills exhibited by vanette drivers and the prevalence of vanettes in such vast numbers is deformation of the country's civilised aspects, the study added.

The existing taxi service lacks planning and follow-up by the relevant authorities. Quite a number of people have a marked reluctance to use the orange-coloured taxi, while the majority of people prefer the call-taxi service.

One major reason for the reluctance of citizens to use the regular orange-colour taxi service is the fact that no parking places for such taxis are sufficiently allocated and well-distributed around the country. Despite the effort by the General Traffic Department to allocate special parking complexes for the public

taxis, 64.2 per cent of the total people surveyed were unable to identify these locations.

The study says that a total of 15,641 driving licences were given to taxi-drivers, while only 4,955 taxis were operating the service.

A total of 55.8 per cent of the people surveyed said that they felt comfortable and safe riding with public taxis, while 42.2 per cent stated the contrary and even blamed the taxi-drivers for irregular driving patterns that more often led to road accidents.

Call for joint Arab economic enterprise

60pc requirements imported

ARAB countries have been called upon to carry out joint economic and industrial projects in all fields — specially those related to steel, iron and energy, according to a study published in an internal magazine of the UAE Ministry of Petroleum.

"Industry is the main gate for Arabs to achieve development," the study said and called for freeing Arab industries from bonds of tradition by executing joint projects and industries among Arab countries.

Steel has been cited as an ideal project to be implemented as an industry that integrates with Arab sources of energy, finance, manpower and local markets, the study said. It added that the Arab world is one of the most important areas containing iron in the world.

Iron reserves in the Arab world amounted to 12.9 billion tons making it the most important raw material. The study stressed that Arab economic

integration will not build a strong economy if it does not depend on making optimum use of oil, gas and other raw materials which are indigenously available. The study added that the production capacity of the Arab world was 3,780 million tons of iron in 1982 which increased to 5,694 million tons in 1985. Consumption accounted for 47,358 tons between 1980 and 1985, while production was only 17,474 tons during the same period. Translated, this in effect means that 60 per cent of the Arab world's needs are imported.

The study identified iron production in the Arab world as being concentrated in Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Of vital significance to these countries is the fact that energy sources to run iron-related industries are available in close proximity to the raw material. Iron is also available in Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunis, including

natural gas and petrol. Libya also has large resources of oil, natural gas and iron.

The study determined that existing iron factories in the Arab world are inadequate to meet the needs of these countries. According to figures mentioned in the Arab economic unified report of 1988 the production capacity of the Arab world planned for 1990 is estimated at 24,750 million tons accounted for by factories producing raw iron, steel and complete manufactured products. Most of these factories are located in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq and Libya. If this plan is properly implemented and executed, the Arab world will meet about 85 to 90 per cent of its needs of iron and steel. The Arab manpower totalled about 60 million workers. But it will still need about 75 million workers in 1995 and 100 million workers in the beginning of the new century the study added.



Minister visits summer clubs

MINISTER of Education Anwar Al Noun has described the role of summer clubs as complementary to that of schools, but far unaffected by the constraints enforced there.

Speaking to a delegation from Dasma Club for Girls, he said that the function of these clubs was part and parcel of the educational process, and that it was based on a worthwhile active and rewarding utilisation of youths' effort during the summer recess in a bid to cultivate their scientific, cultural, technical, sports, musical, theatrical and other individual talents.

He pointed out that summer clubs were established in the

early fifties and had been developing constantly ever since, stressing the need for all parents to encourage their children to join these active facilities which operated under the supervision of specialists and attracted quite a good number of youths.

He paid high tribute to the efforts exerted by the government to support and follow up the progress of these public facilities which, among other things, seek to prepare individuals to become useful and productive by encouraging them to develop their talents instead of wasting their time aimlessly during the summer's long and boring vacation.

New database for medical institute

THE Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations Secretary-General Dr Abdullah Al Rifai has said that a new database has been introduced at the institute to enable the collection of basic data on doctors, their distribution, current work sites, their performance evaluation and results of their exams.

He told a local daily that the new database will be further developed to enable the performance of more applications covering the remaining medical specialisations.

EVENTS



During their recent official visit to Kuwait, the Soviet First Deputy Defence Minister General Konstantin Kochetov and his accompanying delegation spent a day at the Kheirani Resort where they were welcomed by Souheil El Assad, deputy general manager and Mohammed Al Hashash, Yacht Club manager.

The guest and his delegation went on a familiarisation tour to the different parts of the resort and expressed their admiration of this large project and the availability of different facilities and services for the guests.

At the end of the tour General Kochetov thanked the resort's management for their warm welcome wishing them further success and prosperity.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sarah Al Kheir: local programme
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mahlan Aysha Al Omr: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Abdul Menim Madbouli, Raja Hosain, Imad Rashad and Farooq Najeef
- 11.15 Izaj Local serial (Part 9), starring Ghaneem Al Saleh, Zainab Al Dhahi, Maryam Al Ghadban and Dawood Hosain
- 12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: Variety programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World News via Satellite
- 1.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon serial
- 2.15 Hara Neseeha Al Zaman: Arabic serial (Part 10)
- 3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: Cartoon serial

4.00 Al Hob La Yaaref Al Mostaheel: Arabic feature, starring Salah Qabeel, Khlood and Zahra Al Olla

7.00 Hikayat Al Asmae: Historical serial, starring Rasheed Allama, Nedra Al Sabeq and Mohammed Ibrahim

7.55 Nadwat Al Osbo'

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Haribat Mina Al Madhi: Daily Arabic serial (Part 15)

10.45 Bae'l Al Khobz: Arabic feature film starring Shokri Sarhan, Majda, Zaki Rostom and Amina Rizq

12.15 News Summary

12.20 The World Today via Satellite

12.40 Holy Quran and closedown

6.30 Captain Power: "Freedom Won". Christine joins Captain Power to win his trust

7.00 Gone Fishing: "Eels". 7.30 The New Adventure of Bean Baxter: "Beans Finds His Dad." Part 2

8.00 News in English Islamic Foundation: A special programme on the life of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

8.40 Farwanya: Al Madeena Pharmacy North Street

Jahra

Al Noor Pharmacy Al Matali Street

10.30 A Different World: "Claire's Last Stand". The girls plan a trip to Greece. Starring: Lisa Bonet

9.40 Horizon: "Wasting The Alps". A look at some environmental problems in the Alps

L.A. Law: "The Princess and the Pea". Douglas shows unexpected generosity in his divorce settlement.

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KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 Amigo and Friends: cartoon series

CINEMA

Al Firdose
Kathron Ke Khiladi
Starring: Dharmendra
Madhuri Dixit
Fahabeel Open-Air
Nafrat Ki Andhi

Al Andalos
Arabic film
Al Hamra
Arabic film
Al Salmiya
Arabic film

Fahabeel Open air
Meri Zabaan
Al Fahabeel
Suicide Force
Al Jaha
Sukh Dukher
Granada
Thandrum
Salsibikhat
Night Stick
Al Jeet
Red Scorpion
Ahmid Drive-in
Arabic film

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Jaha Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street
Al Salam Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabeeb Street

Hawalli and Nigra
Al Rehab Pharmacy
Tunis Street, Al Rehab Complex

Salmiya and Rumaiithiya
Razan Pharmacy
Al Razi Street

Fahabeel and Ahmad
Adel Pharmacy
Fahabeel, Al Dabous Street

Farwanya
Al Madeena Pharmacy
North Street

Jahra

Al Noor Pharmacy

Al Matali Street

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.39 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.40
Isha	8.06

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sudu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tivim Centre

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival.

Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact Al M. Fine Art, Shop No.34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

D'Assisi Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact Al M. Fine Art, Shop No.34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music-saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 439249 after 6 pm.

Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kalpak Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Sargeave's Saakshi

AUG 3, (Thursday): Sargeave, the cultural wing of Kuwait Kerala Cultural Congress, on the eve of Nehru Centenary celebrations, will be staging one of the most popular Malayalam social plays — Saakshi, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium at 6.30 pm.

Konkani drama

AUG 11: A Konkani drama entitled "Battil Ani Bazaar," directed by Pascoal Rodrigues will be held at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaitas at 10 am and 4 pm. Gate passes are available at Raja Stores and Alex Martins Shop.

Bangladesh Library

AUGUST 4, (Friday): A meeting of life-long founder members of the Bangladesh Library will be held at 5 pm at the embassy premises to form a Library Committee. All life-long members are requested to attend the meeting.

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SOCIAL

Kapilku contest

AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Arwa ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarab Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

Kapilku meeting

THERE will be an officers meeting on Tuesday at Far East Restaurant at 8.30 pm. Topics to be discussed are: Palaro awarding ceremony on Aug 4 at Keifan; Little Mr & Mrs Philippines Kuwait '89; Kapilku night on Sept 1; and Philippine Day on Sept 8.

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الجامعة العربية

Sheikh Salem heads Higher Traffic Council

Traffic policy decree

A HIGHER Traffic Council under the chairmanship of Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has been established according to an Amiri Decree.

As per the terms of the decree, the General Traffic Administration (GTA) and its regular forces are responsible for the smooth flow of traffic, implementing traffic rules and traffic charters in the country.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gambian talks

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Gambian Foreign Minister Omer Sey today met with Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The talks focused on bilateral relations and means of boosting them in various spheres and reviewed the situation in the Middle East and other issues of mutual concern.

During the meeting, the Gambian foreign minister extended an invitation to Sheikh Sabah to visit Gambia.

Sheikh Sabah accepted the invitation the date of which would be fixed in due course.

The meeting was attended by Acting Foreign Undersecretary Ambassador Ahmad Al Fahad, Acting Director of the Foreign Minister's Office Faisal Abdulla Al Othman and acting director of the Asia and Africa department at the Foreign Ministry Ibraheem Mahama.

MTSC pagers

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Mobile Telephone Systems Company yesterday signed a contract with a local company to import 200 numeric display pagers to be delivered by the end of November 1989, a press release said today.

These are in addition to the 4,500 pagers already being supplied by the system contractor, it added.

French delegation

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber today received a delegation from the French company of Dusso.

Later in the day, Sheikh Nawaaf received students of culture committee of Dusso Summer Club.

KISR agreement

KUWAIT, July 31, (KUNA): Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research has recently signed an agreement with Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research on facilitation of direct automatic search.

The agreement will enable the two scientific research institutes to exchange informations by electronic mail.

Tax meeting

DIRECTORS of customs authorities in the GCC states will hold a meeting in Riyadh next October to discuss the feasibility of implementing a unified import tax bill on luxury items.

The objective of the scheme is to protect national products from foreign competition.

The recommendations of the directors on the proposed bill will be forwarded to the finance ministers of the respective GCC states for their recommendations.

CSC rewards

ASSISTANT Undersecretary of Education Ministry of Planning and Development Dr Khaled Al Hamad has said that financial rewards and allowances approved recently by the Civil Service Council for employees of the ministry who participate in training courses will improve the standards of training and attract more numbers to participate.

He added that training courses are offered for teachers, administrative staff and officials in the ministry. He added that employees who seek promotions in the ministry should take these courses because experience alone is not sufficient to qualify them for senior posts, he said.

Commenting on the unification of school curriculum in GCC states Hamad said that experiment to unify the curriculum and text books of primary stage in the GCC states in mathematics and science subjects proved a success and it is going to be generalised in all primary schools. He added that Gulf States Research and Curriculum Centre is working to prepare unified text books of science and maths in the intermediate stage.

Zayed message

ABU DHABI, July 31, (KUNA): UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan yesterday urged the Non-Aligned Movement to work for tackling pressing issues and called for peace in the Middle East, the Gulf and other areas.

He also called for disarmament in his message to the movement's conference which began in New Delhi on Friday.

Anti-smoking union

THE establishment of the Arab Union for Anti-Smoking will be announced officially during the Arab Conference for Anti-Smoking to be held in Amman at the beginning of next September, official sources in Jordan said.

The three-day conference will be attended by representatives from Arab countries and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The conference will discuss the basis of the charter for forming the union and selecting Amman as its headquarters for uniting efforts towards eradicating the smoking habit in the Arab world.

Pak embassy

A PRESS release from the embassy of Pakistan has stated that it will remain closed on August 2 and 3, 1989 on account of Islamic New Year—1410 Hijra.

The embassy will re-open on August 5 as usual.

Arab organisations supported by Kuwait

Contributions 20pc or more

KUWAIT has always furthered the development of Arab economic unity and action and was the first to enter into any economic pact signed by Arab countries, setting an illustrious example for others to follow, according to a study issued by the Department of Economic Research at the Ministry of Finance.

Success

The study said that all Arab organisations based in Kuwait are successful in their work. It cited the Arab Planning Institute, Arab Cities Organisation, Arab Manuscripts Institute and the Judiciary Authority of OAPEC. The study also said that after this long period, Kuwait has found that most of the Arab joint organisations have not achieved their objects because of the problems and obstacles they faced.

To reflect Kuwait's keenness to improve the working of the Arab organisation, it took part in the first committee set up to find ways to redress these shortcomings. After that committee terminated its activities without succeeding and the Arab organisations' positions further deteriorated, Kuwait publicly

attendant at all meetings held by the committees emanating from these organisations. On a few occasions, Kuwait hosted such meetings locally, provided all necessary facilities to ensure successful results and stepped up its financial and moral support to further develop its working potentials. Kuwait provides 25 percent of the budget of the Arab Manuscripts Institute and pays for the headquarters rents.

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called for comprehensive reforms in the Arab organisations. Following, Kuwait took important decisions by either withdrawing from some organisations or by reducing its contributions to some others. The study said that the positions of Kuwait have always been in the interests of the Arab nation and their joint ventures.

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Appreciation

Ghareer said that a study discussed by a seminar of teachers in the Arab Gulf states held in Qatar in 1984 showed that students of universities in many countries of the world prefer other professions to teaching for many reasons especially due to the increase of responsibilities, long hours of work, low payments compared to other professions, and a lack of appreciation of services rendered by teachers.

The official added that society does not take a respectful stand towards teachers. This stand gives students and their sponsors the justification to treat teachers badly. He added that teachers have been known to be attacked because there are no charters or laws to protect them during their work.

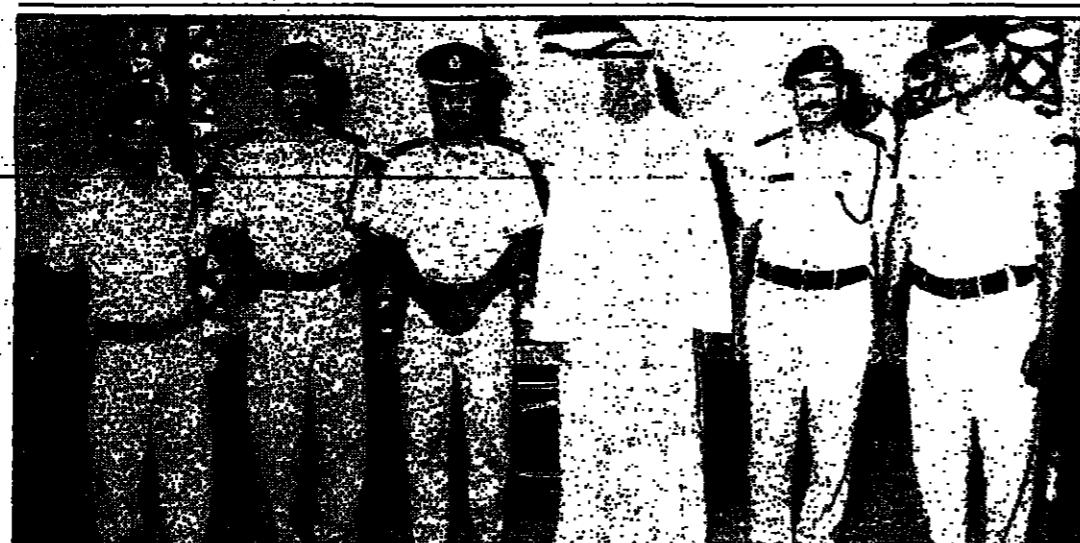
He said that a study submitted to HH the Amir by the society about the uncivilised phenomena of attacking teachers and their social status included a proposal recommending instituting guidelines for the protection of teachers.

He added that the Education Ministry is aware of the suffering of teachers from psychological pressures. It attempted to reduce these pressures but they were not sufficient against the non-respectable social view towards teachers.

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He added that the area lacks a youth centre due to the fact that there are no youth gathering locations and that other centres and recreational facilities are quite a long distance from the vicinity of Doha.



Hawaiian policemen honoured

Hawaiian Governor, Abdullatif Al Bargas yesterday honoured three policeman for the efforts exerted in their security duties. He called upon them to continue exerting such efforts to protect the country. Lt Col Fahd Al Khumairi and Capt. Abdul Amir Muhamma attended.

Doha residents complain of shortages in public services

CITIZENS at Doha residential area are complaining of shortages in utilities and some services. A large section of Doha residents pointed out that the area does not have a youth centre and a public wedding hall. They added that telephone services are not up to standard and that public gardens are not well kept.

A local daily highlighted the opinions of a number of residents living in Doha.

Abdul Abbas Hedar, a teacher by profession said that Doha is a very small area and suggested that it be joined to Sulaibikhat. He pointed out that the large number of names assigned to these areas have caused confusion to postal and other services.

He added that many streets in the area require paving and that other already paved streets are old and require restoration. He said that tribal disputes have adversely affected the smooth functioning of the Doha Co-operative Society board of directors. He demanded a renewal of membership to avoid such tribal disputes.

He pointed out that services presented by the Doha Co-op have improved and said that negligence witnessed at some services is due to bad management and debts of previous administrations.

Mohammed Ghannam, an employee at Kuwait Municipality said that Doha is considered one of the new areas in Kuwait and is well advanced with regards to services but lacks a youth centre and an independent municipality.

Jasem Al Shemari said that the current board of directors of Doha Co-operative Society have

presented many good services and therefore, he demanded that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour extend the membership of the society's board of directors. He said that the area suffers from telephone problems and that it is hard to obtain a telephone line.

Abdul Rahman Al Mtairi said that as share holders at Doha Co-operative Society they did not receive any profits since 19 years and that the society lacks many commodities. He added that Doha has no wedding hall nor a youth centre.

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Interior Ministry computerises work

THE Computer Centre at Ministry of the Interior has formulated plans to utilise computers in the process of undertaking driving tests and in addressing various formalities related to issues of nationality and immigration.

Speaking of the on-going computerisation process, Fahd Jasfar, director of the Computer Centre at Ministry of the Interior said that the ministry is increasingly upgrading and

speeding up its services with the use of computer technology.

Computers now undertake formalities such as renewing and issuing driving licences, processing entry visas for immigrants, providing data banks of information systems for Kuwait Municipality and similar feedback on arrivals and departures at the airport and other exits. Computers are also increasingly being relied on to complete for

Enhance teachers status: Ghareer



Banquet hosted for President

HH the Amir hosted a banquet for visiting Gambian President Dawda Kairaba Jawara and his accompanying delegation on Sunday night.

Jawara and his accompanying delegation left Kuwait yesterday after a three day official visit to the country. During his visit Jawara held talks with HH

the Amir on bilateral relations and ways of developing them.

President Jawara was seen off at the airport by head of the Honorary Mission, Minister of Communications Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al Sharhan and high officials of the Amiri Diwan and the Foreign Ministry.

Dean of admissions lays down procedures

ACTING Dean of Admissions and Registration at Kuwait University, Dr Sabah Al Qadoumi said that the second batch of students accepted by the university included credit hours graduates. Scholarships are to be announced in September.

The official stressed that the university will adhere to the same admission grades in the science and arts section in the forthcoming semester.

Students who obtained general secondary certificates two years ago will be able to join the university. The university will not accept students who do not bring their civil identification cards with them, Qadoumi said.

Selection

Transfers between colleges and departments will be only permissible after spending a full academic year at the college. The University Council has approved admission rates at some engineering colleges for female students, and relatives of Kuwaitis will be able to join the university but, will not be treated as Kuwaitis in selecting specialities.

Transfer from other universities will be granted to students who have completed 30 credit hours with a 3.5 grade point average.

Personal interviews conducted by some colleges for newly admitted students will be re-conducted during September with students who have been accepted by the university but, travelled abroad during summer.

Qadoumi added that students who have not been accepted by the university could withdraw their papers in order to present them to the General Authority for Applied Education and Training. Students who have been accepted at specific colleges and have withdrawn their papers for registration during the second academic semester will be readmitted at the same college. The university had a bad experience with regards to registration through computers and adequate measures will be taken in case the same system is implemented. However, the university may cancel the system and return to the same old manual method of registration.

Operations

The admission and registration section will witness developments in work operations and will organise a number of courses for employees.

Meanwhile, Qadoumi pointed out that the number of registered students at the end of the second academic semester for the academic year 88-89 amounted to 12,000 students and that the number of teaching staff is nearly 900.

Conditions for transfers between colleges will be announced next October and Kuwaiti students should have grades of 85.5 per cent for girls and 92.7 per cent for boys to register at the medicine college. For admission of expatriates the minimum grade is 95.2 per cent.

Bahrain population census in 1991

MANAMA, July 31, (GNA): Within the framework of efforts exerted by the Bahraini government to update its records in various spheres, the local Central Statistics Bureau is preparing to carry out a public census of population and residences during the first half of 1991.

The head of the bureau Sheikh Mohammad Atiyatullah Al Khalifa has told *Akhbar Al Khaleej* newspaper that the proposed census had a special value as it would coincide with the celebration of the silver jubilee anniversary of the first public census in Bahrain.

The other objective is to make available the required data on the labour force in the country whereby to help accelerate the government's Bahrainisation plan and help the development of social and economic plans.

Kuwaiti girl wins Warwick accolade

PRIZES have been awarded to the best and most promising students on Warwick University's highly successful Higher Education Foundation Programme which offers an access route to higher education in the United Kingdom. Miss Madawi Al Wazzan from Kuwait was awarded the Science prize and will now be fulfilling a long-standing ambition by taking up a place to read for a degree in Genetics at the University of Nottingham.

Speaking at this year's prize-giving ceremony, Professor Terry Kemp, pro-vice-chancellor of the University, paid tribute to the success and hard work of all the 110 students from 24 different countries who followed the programme in 1988/89. The particular achievements of those awarded prizes demonstrated the high standards of those taking the various streams in Science, Law, Social Studies and Business Studies.

The University of Warwick's Higher Education Foundation Programme is designed to give overseas students, whose first language is not English and whose qualifications do not immediately meet the entry requirements for UK degree courses.

Changes

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

KNOW the true value of time — snatch, seize and enjoy every moment of it — Lord Chesterfield, English statesman (1694-1773).

War in Cambodia hovering to a close

Contradictions emerge

AFTER nearly 20 years of almost unimaginable savagery that may have taken the lives of 1 million people, the war in Cambodia may be coming to an end.

But then again it may not. As 19 foreign ministers and UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar gathered in an ornate chamber in the heart of Paris on a rainy Sunday, there was general agreement that the war has gone on long enough and that there should be a withdrawal of Vietnamese troops. Even the Vietnamese, faced with an economic and social disaster of their own at home, have agreed to pull out by Sept. 27.

But US officials concede nothing is simple in Southeast Asia, as the United States and France found out to their cost in two wars since 1945.

The positions put forward by the United States and other countries, including the members of the Southeast Asian association of nations (ASEAN) reflect some of the contradictions that remain.

They say that the war in Cambodia is not a civil war, but is a result of the Vietnamese invasion. They do not add that the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia — at least in part — because of the primitive savagery of the murderous Khmer Rouge, a dedicated band of killers who may be unequalled in recent history.

Another contradiction that emerged in the statements opening the conference in Paris, which is expected to last at least a month, is over principles.

Secretary of State James Baker said Sunday that the United States would recognise the will of the Cambodian people in free and fair elections. That is one principle.

But, he also said another principle is that the United States would not accept any result that would include the leaders of the Khmer Rouge if they were to come to power or even any of the Khmer Rouge if they were to have a significant part in a transitional government.

Wisdom

What if, in their wisdom, the Cambodian voters chose somebody whom the United States considers to be a follower of the Khmer Rouge that wiped out one third of the nation?

Asked that question, US officials paused, paused again, and then said, "that is a hypothetical situation that is not likely to occur."

But the history of Southeast Asia is the same official also conceded, is that Murphy's Law applies — the worst possible thing usually happens.

These officials think that this time it is so unlikely that the Khmer Rouge or the Vietnamese-backed factions will emerge successful in any elections that it is not worth considering.

But nobody, these officials conceded, has put down on paper a model for the kind of transition government that will be required to run the country after a war in which the various factions have been busily killing each other for the last ten years.

There is agreement there will be a United Nations force, called the International Control Mechanism. That vague description of the UN role is a sign that none of the major parties agrees on how much power this unborn international peace force would have, or even if it would be armed. That will have to be fought out in the UN Security Council, where each of the five major powers has a veto.

There is also no agreement on who will take the Cambodian seat in the United Nations, and when.

There is also no agreement on how the larger powers — particularly the United States and China — should conduct themselves about sending arms to their allies. Should they send weapons to their allies if they are threatened by outside interference?

PRESS REVIEW

Ezestia: A Soviet paper expected the Afghan opposition forces will not be in a good shape if they did not achieve military success against Kabul's government until next autumn.

Ezestia, an evening newspaper, said that the winter season with its cold weather will hinder the supply of military equipments to the mujahedeen.

The daily quoted military experts that the mujahedeen will launch an attack against the city of Kabul next August, and the mujahedeen worry over a possible failure to achieve tangible victories against the government, because this will shake US's confidence in the Afghan opposition's military capabilities, and therefore Washington will be forced to change its current policy towards Afghanistan.

The Soviet paper expressed doubt over the opposition's ability to gain victory saying that there are rifts and differences between the different opposition factions. (KUNA)

Daily Express (Conservative) on Iran: "The West has every reason to be cautiously optimistic about the election of Iran's new leader, Hashemi Rafsanjani. Toward the end of the Ayatollah Khomeini's reign, it was Rafsanjani who offered the more reasonable face of Islamic fundamentalism to the world... at the same time, the divide between the secular and sacred faces of Iran has widened, with the religious leadership now in the hands of Ali Khamenei."

"But, despite the superficial moves toward a more moderate style, the West must maintain a healthy scepticism about the nature of changes. Only yesterday (Sunday) the same old violently extremist face of the revolution was on show when Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi threatened retaliation against America and Israel for the kidnap of a Muslim fanatic in Lebanon. He also insisted the death penalty against Salman Rushdie stood." (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1560 — Scotland's Parliament abolishes papal jurisdiction and approves a Calvinistic confession of faith, thus founding Church of Scotland.

1664 — Turks are defeated at St. Gotthard-on-the-Raab in Hungary by Holy Roman Empire troops.

1779 — French fleet takes over domination of English Channel.

1798 — British under Horatio Nelson destroy French fleet off Aboukir (Battle of the Nile), cutting Napoleon Bonaparte's communications with Europe.

1807 — Jerome Bonaparte is created King of Westphalia, formed from former Prussian possessions west of Elbe river.

1904 — Japan declares war on China over Korea question.

1922 — Britain, France and Italy warn Greece against attempted occupation of Palestine.

1947 — United Nations calls for ceasefire in Indonesia, where revolutionaries are fighting the Dutch.

1950 — Belgium's King Leopold III abdicates in favour of Prince Baudouin.

1958 — Jordan's King Hussein dissolves Federation of Jordan with Iraq.

1962 — Unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana when bomb is thrown at his car.

1963 — Britain agrees to grant independence to Malta in 1964.

1971 — Defence department announces pullout of almost 3,000 US troops from Vietnam.

1972 — Death toll rises to more than 350 in floods that swept across parts of Philippine capital of Manila and 14 provinces of Luzon Island.

1975 — Leaders of 35 nations at summit meeting in Helsinki, Finland, affirm broad charter for peace in Europe.

1988 — US Secretary of State George Shultz meets in Guatemala City with foreign ministers of four Central American nations deeply divided over Nicaragua.



In a staged show of appreciation for the Army's work in 'putting down the counter-revolutionary rebellion,' Beijing residents offer soldiers new insoles for their shoes.

China subjected to intense propaganda blitz

Brainwashing Beijing

ON the night of June 3, Chinese tanks and troops moved into central Beijing to crush the biggest anti-government protest in 40 years of communist rule.

That much is agreed.

On what happened next, there is total discrepancy between official accounts and those of witnesses, foreign governments, and media.

Which one do Chinese believe?

"Farmers and people in small cities believe the government because they have no other source of news," said one Chinese official, speaking privately.

"Many in the big cities, especially Beijing, do not believe it, because they have personal experience of the protest, knew someone involved or have access to foreign radio or newspapers," he said.

The country's one billion people have been subjected to the most intense propaganda blitz, carried out in newspapers, television, radio, films and in study meetings, since the radical Cultural Revolution of 1966-76.

Beijing people are being given free tickets by their work units to see a film showing the Communist Party, whose revolutionary spirit they should study, fighting the Japanese and the Nationalists in the 1930s and 40s.

This month tourist hotels in Beijing were ordered to stop selling foreign and Hong Kong newspapers and magazines, although foreign residents can still have them delivered.

The targets of the ban are Chinese in the hotels who read the foreign accounts and sometimes make copies to take home.

Officials in big state corporations and journalists say they have to attend up to four study sessions a week, two hours at a time, at which the official line is expounded. Many are being required to explain their views.

An office worker said the pressure of numerous study sessions had made her doubt her own version of events.

"Having heard the official line so many times, I am beginning to doubt what I saw," she said.

Those applying to go abroad have to write an account of what they did during nearly three months of protest. It is verified with friends, neighbours and colleagues.

Version

The official version is that a small number of people exploited student protests to overthrow the party and that the government had no alternative but to use force.

It puts casualties at 200 civilians and tens of security forces dead and 3,000 civilians and 6,000 security forces injured. Only the security forces have been mourned.

Witnesses and foreign news reports say hundreds, perhaps thousands were killed, mostly civilians, after the Army opened fire with machine-guns at random.

"I am glad it is peaceful again," said an elderly cleaning woman. "I never went to see the protests. Who would want to? It was dangerous and chaotic. Now we can go to work in peace."

This is a common opinion among elderly and middle-aged people and those loyal to the party, said a Chinese journalist who was on Tiananmen Square when the troops moved in.

"They had no interest in the protest, had no first-

hand knowledge and readily accept the party line," he said. "It is the opposite among young people, who witness things for themselves and disbelieve the party anyway."

"The students put out too many rumours, many of them not true, like the death of Deng Xiaoping. They were using them for their own purposes. But it reduces their credibility," he said.

A taxi driver said the propaganda was effective on many people because it was constant and one-sided and they had no other source of information and did not dare to discuss the matter with anyone except close friends and family.

"But the propaganda does not work on those who saw what happened or had relatives killed. They just keep quiet for the present. The soldiers should not have opened fire on the people. History will deliver the true verdict," he said.

He said there were fewer study sessions at his taxi firm than at state corporations and organisations involved in ideology, propaganda, education or news.

"Ours are more relaxed. The leader reads the latest article in the press and talks about it. We do not have to express an opinion if we don't want to. Those who do, support the official line. We have wives and children to think of," he said.

The official said many young people in despair over the future, were trying to leave China. "They are waiting for the old men to die, but when will that be?"

Many people sleep overnight outside foreign embassies in Beijing to be at the front of queues for visas.

"At least one big company has banned resignations and others will follow," the official said. "They want to stop their bright young people from leaving."

Those applying to go abroad need approval of their employer. Fearful the employer will not grant it, many resign first and then apply.

"Rumours are going around that it will be almost impossible to go abroad next year. How can I get out?" the official said. (Beijing — Reuter)

Nationalist feuds revived

Gorbachev unleashes hopes of freedom

MIKHAIL Gorbachev's policies, in unleashing hopes of freedom in East Europe, have opened the door to a revival of age-old nationalist feuds. Hungarians are protesting Romania's treatment of their kinfolk; Yugoslavia is torn by ethnic strife; and now Bulgarians and Turks are biting at each other, as Peter Manolov testifies.

The bearded Manolov, a writer, is secretary of Bulgaria's independent Association for the Defence of Human Rights. In an interview in Paris, he spoke of clashes this month between the Bulgarian Army and ethnic Turks. According to reports reaching an international human rights conference here, the violence has left more than a dozen dead and scores wounded, and has sparked the daily departure to Turkey of between 3,000 and 5,000 ethnic Turks.

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Tension between Slavs and the Turkish minority has existed since Ottoman rule. The present chapter dates to 1984 when Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov required that ethnic Turks change their name to Slavic ones, banned public use of the Turkish language, jammed Turkish radio stations, and closed most mosques.

"This was before the Gorbachev

cheva," Manolov says. "Our intellectuals were unprepared to take a position."

After the reform-minded Soviet leader's rise to power, organised dissent spread in Bulgaria. In January 1988, the unofficial rights group was founded. Composed at first mostly of Bulgarian intellectuals, it soon numbered 3,000 members — two-thirds of them ethnic Turks.

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"A liberalised Bulgaria is an even more unpredictable Bulgaria," Manolov says. "It would try to free itself (from Moscow), and that's not in Gorbachev's interest." He and his family, given passports for the Paris conference, have asked for political asylum. "I hope my exile now will be temporary," he says.

"Sooner or later, we must get a new leadership who will appreciate my work."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hail Air India

SIR: "A milestone to reckon with and a stellar performance to repeat" might well be the Maharajah's exultation in the next Al ad.

Congratulations, AI, you have done it again. Keep it up!

To be in the limelight, one should either be the best or the worst.

The "Daily Mail" (London), has brought you "laurels" by classifying you as the worst airline in terms of number of flights, punctuality and service in the link between London and New York.

Thank God, it did not conduct a survey in other sectors, because then you really would have been flooded with "bouquets", especially for the fare.

You've never been the best simply because you

haven't wanted to.

This is indeed, a unique honour for a national carrier! By repeat performances you have established your desire to be the worst, directly contradicting your advertisement gimmicks. And why should it be otherwise when the royal Gulf passengers of the AI Maharajah are always at his service (since there is no alternative way to reach the Gulf countries) to help keep the balance sheet out of the red?

C.K. Satyraj, Safat.

SAARC's devil

SIR: Whether it is the deplorable high handedness of land-locked Nepal, the situation in Sri Lanka which every pointer indicates has been tailored to a great

extent or in relations elsewhere in the region, India's known opportunistic stance coupled with its increasing threat of use of force lends credibility and disregard of other sovereign states in the SAARC group.

The truth of the matter is that India has been known to grind its own axe too well, at the expense of its smaller neighbours. As current events suggest, the shaping up of the devil is causing ever increasing resentment amongst the SAARC member states.

This development in the Asian sub-continent is not only contrary to norms of international behaviour but is in sharp contrast to present day era that define co-existence alongside of a conglomerate of states, varying in both size and stature.

Mohsin T. Malik Ryadi

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German overtures

Making up for WW II

FIFTY years after Hitler attacked Poland and launched the war that divided Europe, West Germany is trying to help the Polish people out of an economic morass.

Plea to cancel Rushdie play

LONDON, July 31, (Agencies): The British Broadcasting Corp. said last night it was considering a request by the Archbishop of Canterbury to withdraw a programme defending the controversial novel, *The Satanic Verses*.

The novel has caused international uproar among Muslims and driven its Indian-born author, Salman Rushdie, and his wife into hiding. They have been under British police protection since February when Iran's late religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, ordered Rushdie's murder because he claimed the book blasphemed Islam.

The television play entitled "The Blas-

phemers' Banquet," was scheduled for screening at 9.30 pm (20.30 GMT) today on the BBC's national network.

The corporation said it was carefully considering the objection from Archbishop Robert Runcie spiritual head of the Anglican Church. The *Guardian* and other newspapers indicated the BBC would go ahead with the programme, but the BBC would not immediately confirm that.

Runcie's public affairs secretary, said he wrote last week on behalf of the archbishop to BBC director-general Michael Checkland expressing Runcie's concern about the programme's possible effect on Muslims in

Britain. Some of the 60,000 Muslims in the northern English city of Bradford were the first to burn a copy of the novel in January.

Previews of the BBC programme said its presenter, poet and playwright Tony Harrison, places a group of historical blasphemers round a Bradford restaurant table to recite some of their sayings. Among them are Voltaire, Molire, Omar Khayyam and Lord Byron.

Runcie's secretary said Rushdie had denied any intention of blaspheming Islam and certain reforms were taking place in Iran which would make this the wrong moment to attack fundamentalism there.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Reshuffle likely

CAIRO, July 31, (KUNA): A ministerial reshuffle of the Egyptian cabinet is expected to be announced in August, according to press reports here today.

The opposition "Al Wafd" daily, quoting unnamed government sources, said today the new reshuffle is to be made in compliance to request by Premier Dr Atif Sedki, currently receiving medical treatment in the United States.

The paper, organ of "Al Wafd" opposition party, attributed to the sources that Dr Sedki requested his relief from the premiership due to the poor health condition.

UK hopeful

LONDON, July 31, (KUNA): The British government said today that it hopes that the election of Hashemi Rafsanjani as the new president of Iran "will herald a new period of stability in that country."

Responding to a query by newsmen, a British Foreign Office spokesman said that "it offers an opportunity for Iran to return to the international community."

"We shall be watching developments very closely, and as we have said before we have no wish to intervene in Iran's internal affairs, nor will we accept Iran's intervention in our affairs."

Nu'man in Jeddah

JEDDAH, July 31, (KUNA): The Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen Yasir Nu'man and the accompanying delegation was received here last night by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, during which major issues were discussed.

The Saudi Press Agency quoted Nu'man as saying that his visit is aimed at exchanging views and consultations and expanding co-operation that serves the interest of the two countries and the unity of the Arab and Islamic rank.

Austria criticised

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 31, (AP): The Iranian Foreign Ministry charged yesterday that the Austrian government is playing a "suspicious political game" in naming Iranian diplomats as suspects in the assassination of a Kurdish resistance leader in Vienna.

The Islamic Republic Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry official as saying that Austrian authorities are not investigating the July 13 shooting death of Abdul Rahman Qassemou, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran.

Instead they are pursuing a "political game and propaganda warfare," IRNA quoted the official as saying.

Help sought

TUNIS, July 31, (KUNA): The General Union of Palestinian Women called here yesterday on all international and humanitarian organisations and institutions to send fact-finding missions to occupied Palestine to closely inspect the inhuman practices committed against Palestinian children and women in the Israeli prison camps.

The union, in a statement issued here yesterday on the occasion of the Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Prisoners, urged those organisations and institutions to stop the inhuman practices and violation of the Palestinian people's national rights and to put pressure on Israel to close all prison camps especially the desert camp on Anssar 3.

4 villagers killed

ERUH, Turkey, July 31, (AP): Suspected Kurdish rebels raided a village in southeastern Turkey and killed four people, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency said a group of 15 rebels shot to death two guards as they raided the Gulburnu village late Saturday night.

A villager and a newly-born infant were burned to death when the Kurds set two houses afire, the report said.

The Kurds took two youths with them as they fled the village after the attack, the report said.

Envoy named

VATICAN CITY, July 31, (AP): Pope John Paul II today appointed two veteran Vatican diplomats as new envoys to Lebanon and Portugal.

Archbishop Pablo Puent, a 58-year-old Spaniard, was named apostolic nuncio, or ambassador, to Lebanon. He was serving as ambassador to Senegal.

In the Lebanese post he succeeds Archbishop Luciano Angeloni, 71, an Italian, who was named ambassador to Portugal.

King plans trip

AMMAN, July 31, (Reuters): Jordan's King Hussein plans to fly to Saudi Arabia today for talks with King Fahd on the Middle East and Jordan's economic problems, an official said.

He said the king, accompanied by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker and Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem, will discuss Arab efforts to try to end the fighting in Lebanon.

King Fahd is a member of a three-nation committee set up by an Arab League summit in Morocco in May to tackle the Lebanese crisis.

US cruiser

ISTANBUL, July 31, (AP): A US Navy cruiser sailed into the Istanbul port today en route to the Soviet Black Sea port of Sebastopol, a port source reported.

The source who requested anonymity identified the vessel as the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser Thomas Gates, which dropped anchor in front of the 18th-century Ottoman Dolmabahce palace on the bank of the Bosphorus waterway.

The cruiser will cross the Bosphorus strait on Aug 3 en route to the Soviet port, one day after the cruiser Belknap and fast frigate Kauffman sail into the Black Sea. Turkish and US embassy officials said last week.

Radicals issue death threats

Palestinian admits he met Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 31, (Agencies): A Palestinian attorney who held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was threatened today in wall slogans signed by a radical PLO faction.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers shot and killed a 15-year-old Palestinian, Arab reports said. In Jerusalem, a Palestinian labourer stabbed and wounded his Jewish settler foreman.

The Palestinian attorney Jamil Tarifi, 42, of the West Bank town of Ramallah disclosed at a news conference last week that he recently met with Shamir. The prime minister has held a series of meetings with Palestinians from the occupied territories, but Tarifi is the only one who has acknowledged the sessions.

Tarifi said today that he was unconcerned about death threats made against him for meeting Shamir.

Slogans painted in black on walls in Ramallah condemned the meeting between Shamir and Tarifi.

"A meeting with Shamir is a bullet shot in the back of the intifada" or Palestinian uprising, one said. "Shame on Jamil Tarifi and all those who meet the murderers of our people," another read.



Palestinian activist Faisel Hussain chats with Labour parliamentarian Avraham Barai at a meeting at the party's Tel Aviv headquarters. (Reuter wirephoto)

Israeli officers walkout

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 31, (Reuters): Israeli officers walked out of an Army gathering when they took an Arab entertainer's anti-war song as an attack on their country's policies, newspapers reported today.

The singer was Haya Shamir, the only Arab woman ever to serve in the Israeli Army, where she starred in an entertainment troupe.

"They can go to hell," newspapers quoted her as saying about the weekend walkout. "I didn't intend a political song. It was a song about life."

Shamir's song, her own composition in Hebrew, included these words:

"Captives of killing are drawn to it blindly, hungry for justice and chewing hatred, while calmness cries out to all the sons of the earth."

and these:

"Mother earth is bleeding, she has been wounded by war."

She performed it for the first time at a party yesterday for a southern command chief Yitzhak Mordechai.

Mordechai's main task the last 19 months has been fighting a Palestinian uprising in the occupied Gaza Strip. He will soon take over the same responsibility in the occupied West Bank.

Amman to hold polls

King issues decree

AMMAN, July 31, (Agencies): King Hussein of Jordan today issued a royal decree calling for parliamentary elections in Jordan.

According to the 34th article of the Jordanian constitution the king is the one to order the holding of parliamentary elections.

A senior official source told Kuwait News Agency here today that the Jordanian cabinet, according to this decree, will shortly set the date for the parliamentary elections in 22 years, tentatively planned for November.

The actions follow April rioting over deteriorating economic conditions which exposed broad popular anger at government ministries, despite widespread support for the king himself.

A Jordanian official said earlier that the pact — a statement of principles — would lay and broaden political participation.

The Army confirmed both deaths and said paramilitary border police opened fire on Abu Musallam after he threw a cinderblock at a policeman.

Fatah envoys arrive in Tunis

TUNIS, July 31, (Agencies): Hundreds of delegates from Fatah, the main PLO faction, have arrived in Tunis for a congress which will fill vacancies in the leadership and review PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's peace moves.

The meeting is expected to open in the next few days, possibly on Thursday.

The 1,050 delegates will elect at least five new members to the 10-man central committee, to replace five who have been assassinated or exiled since the last congress, held in Damascus in 1980.

Abu Iyad (Saleh Khalaf), who is Arafat's deputy in Fatah, has said the new members will bring new blood to a committee dominated by men who created Fatah in Kuwait more than 25 years ago.

A substantial hardline group within Fatah is challenging Arafat's policy of relying on diplomatic methods to bring about a Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

This group argues that Fatah should resume military operations outside the occupied territories and stand firm against further political concessions.

Arafat has already renounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist in its pre-1967 borders.

Fatah leaders say Arafat will survive the criticism, however, and win a new mandate for his leadership.

Among the many candidates for the seats on the central committee are Umar Jihad (Istissar Al Wazir), widow of assassinated military commander Abu Jihad (Khalil Al Wazir), and Hakam Balawi, the PLO's ambassador to Tunisia.

Balawi has risen to prominence as the main contact between the PLO and the United States. He regularly meets US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau, who was designated sole channel for contacts last December.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organisation executive committee today wrapped up two days of meetings on recent Palestinian moves for Arab-Israel peace, PLO sources said.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the meetings chaired by Arafat focused on the latest developments in the Israeli-occupied territories and proposals for a Middle East settlement.

However, they declined to say whether Arafat's four-point peace plan was discussed in the meetings.

Arafat's proposal, made last week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, calls for ending Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip within 27 months and setting a date for the proclamation of an independent Palestinian state.

The plan still has to be reviewed and endorsed by the other PLO leaders.

■ Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Arafat, both accompanied by top aides, held talks yesterday about Palestinian issues and the situation in Lebanon.

Baghdad Television said the meeting was attended by Abdul-Hamid Al Sayeh, president of the Palestine National Council or parliament in exile, and members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee.

■ A senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation denied today press reports that the United States is pressing to postpone a general conference of Fatah, the main Palestinian command group.

A small group of top officials are discussing the pact as well as a new political group in the runup to Jordan's first nation-wide parliamentary elections in 22 years, tentatively planned for November.

The actions follow April rioting over deteriorating economic conditions which exposed broad popular anger at government ministries, despite widespread support for the king himself.

A six-page draft of the pact obtained earlier yesterday by the Associated Press calls for tolerated of differing viewpoints, close Jordanian-Palestinian relations, improved living standards and better conditions for the future, based on the con-



By the river

Muslim children swim in a river in south Lebanon on Sunday as their parents prepare lunch in their makeshift house at the bank of the river. They are among hundreds of people who fled Beirut and erected tents in sandy beaches and orange groves to escape Beirut's carnage. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rebel rockets kill 24

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 31, (AP): Rebel rockets hit a US-built hospital, a crowded bus stop and a bicycle factory today, killing at least 24 people and injuring 58, hospital officials and UN sources said.

One rocket hit the railings outside Avicenna Hospital, showering shrapnel onto a passing minibus and pedestrians and shattering windows in the hospital, witnesses said.

A second rocket dug a crater at the edge of a bus stop about 100 yards (metres) away, spraying shrapnel on a bus and nearby shops, eyewitnesses said.

A third rocket hit a bicycle assembly plant in eastern Kabul, killing nine people, UN sources said. Speaking on condition of anonymity.

Dr Mohammad Basir Hasan, president of Avicenna Hospital, said eight people died and 16 were injured in the attacks there. Some victims were believed to have been taken to other hospitals.

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In front of the crater was the mangled wood and straw remains of what witnesses said was a stall that sold chocolate and other sweets.

The casualties raised to at least 28 the number of people killed in rocket attacks on the capital this month as US-backed Muslim rebels fight to overthrow the Soviet-supported Marxist government.

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VIDEO CORNER



Faye Dunaway and Klaus Maria Brandauer in Burning Secret.

High quality period piece

Through a child's eyes

By Shaun Seekins

BURNING SECRET stars Faye Dunaway and Klaus Maria Brandauer in a handsome high quality period piece set in Europe. Set during the winter of 1919, the story is told through the eyes of Edmund Tuckman (played by newcomer David Eberts), a lonely 12-year-old and the only child of a stable but essentially passionless marriage. He has been taken for a week's treatment in an Austrian mountain resort by his aloofly beautiful mother Sonya (Faye Dunaway) with whom he shares a mutually dependent relationship. Also staying at their luxurious hotel and receiving treatment for a war wound is a mysterious Baron (Brandauer) who courts the friendship of the wide-eyed Edmund with tales of his bloody wartime experiences, but before long it becomes clear that Sonya is his real target.

The Lost Idol is a good adventure story about a platoon of soldiers who stumble upon a priceless gold statue in an abandoned Cambodian temple. Overcome by greed the commanding officer, Lt Oliver, cold bloodedly murders his men and dynamites the temple entrance, hoping to reclaim the idol at the end of the war. Only one man, Sgt Kurt, manages to escape.

14 going on 30 is the title of a new Walt Disney family comedy. Through a 'growth acceleration' invention, teenager Danny O'Neil is transformed into an adult in a desperate move to lure his favourite teacher, Miss Noble away from her gym coach fiance. When the adult Danny is mistaken by the school principal's newly hired replacement, he romances Miss Noble and ends up by turning the school into every student's dream.

Tanamara is a new best-seller set in Singapore during WW2, when a childhood friendship with the beautiful Chinese girl, Julie Soong, develops into love. John Dexter finds that the thing he wants most is denied him. Coming from a family just as proud and powerful as the English Dexters, Julie is too bound by strict social taboos. A life together would be unthinkable. But John and Julie do their utmost to test the unwritten laws that separate them.

The Boys From The Blackstuff is a new British comedy set on Merseyside about a gang of characters who tarmac roads for a living. Storyboard is a collection of three one hour dramas, any one of which would provide the springboard for a new TV series. The first, Making News, is set in the hectic world of international TV news gathering. The recently launched satellite news channel, TNC has acquired a brash new owner. So as the TNC reporters cover war zones and other exciting stories, there are battles too back in the London studios. And a sinister incident involving an MI6 man becomes an explosive story in more ways than one. Also released on the same tape are A Question of Commitment and Hunted Down.

Take Me Home is a romantic drama set in England. Taxi-driver Tom is waved down on wet and windy night by a beautiful girl who has had a row with her husband. A traumatic first encounter leads to further meetings and an affair begins.

The new Gloria Estefan Homecoming concert has the sell-out crowd dancing and screaming in appreciation of the Latin-American salsa spiced pop favourites. Ms. Estefan shows no sign of road-fatigue or staleness after playing almost all of the major US cities on their smash 'Let It Loose' tour, and is totally in control as she goes through all their well known hits. The highlight must surely be the old favourite 'Conga' set to the pulsating beat of the conga drums, an excellent music video from Gloria!!!

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas Farwaniya; Video Nauf, Salmiya, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.

Turner, Martin pit wits for love and money

Cranium cracked open

By Gail Seery

KATHLEEN TURNER certainly gets some rotten roles. In *Peggy Sue Gets Married* she has a heart attack and flips back to the fifties, and in *Julia and Julia*, she lives in a fantasy world and kills people; though in *The Accidental Tourist* she arguably strikes lucky when she loses William Hurt to another woman.



Kathleen Turner: an enjoyable performance

I think I have enjoyed her performance in *The Man With Two Brains* more than any other role — and playing alongside the frenetic Steve Martin cannot be particularly easy.

She plays a sadistic wife, who gets her kicks out of driving a succession of husbands into a frenzy. Unfortunately for her, the last man on her list turns out to be brilliant brain surgeon Michael Hfuhruhurr, played with comic brilliance by Martin.

"When I saw how slimy the human brain was, I just knew what I wanted to do with the rest of my life," he tells a keen reporter, seconds before literally running into Dolores (Kathleen Turner) who is fleeing from the scene of one of her triumphs. There's a brilliantly comic moment when he passes an urgent message to a three-year-old who repeats it perfectly, and then comments, "Looks like a substantial haematoma to me."

Hfuhruhurr has perfect a new means of entering the skull which does not involve the patient's head being shaved. This is the Cranial screwtop method — complete with safety child lock. He operates on Dolores and finds himself irresistibly attracted to her — with more than a little help from the lady herself. He defends his attraction to the portrait of his dead wife: "OK, I've had the top of her head off, but that's as far as it went."

The pair have a bed-side marriage, and Dolores settles down to torture him — her constant headache keeps him perpetually on the boil and in a state of tension. "I can't wait till next Thursday," she tells him ardently. "My headache should be gone by then." Gradually he realises what sort of a woman he has married, and announces a citizen's divorce — only she has just heard that he has inherited a fortune, and is determined to keep him — even if it means being nice to him.

To complicate matters, he has now fallen in love — with the brain of Anne Ummelmahey, which lives in a glass jar in the laboratory of Dr Alfred Necesister, a fiendish scientist.

He kidnaps Anne — but finds himself faced with wifely jealousy from Turner: "How many men do you think there are around here who look exactly

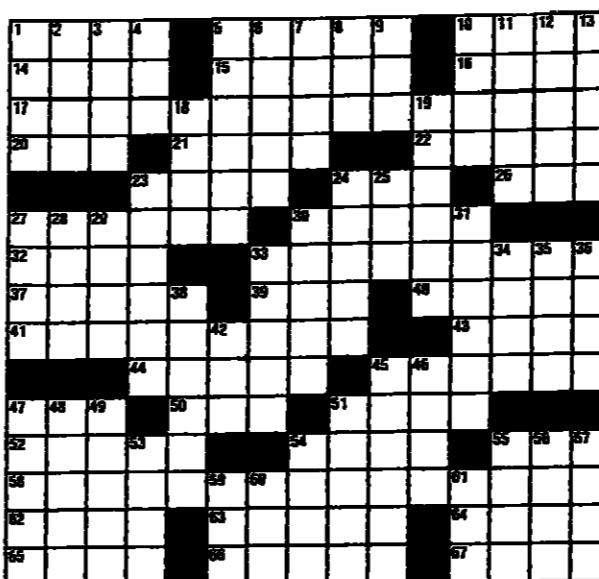


like you and have brains in jars?" she challenges. But although he fortuitously learns the real truth about her decision to stay with him, he has a major problem — Anne's brain is dying and he must find a new body for it if he is to keep her alive.

Martin is on true form, but in this early (1983) film, directed by Carl Reiner, most of the story line is little more than a vehicle for his particular type of comedy. "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" was in that sense a better example of his brilliance, because it is disciplined rather than excessive. It is impossible to appreciate all the gags in *The Man With Two Brains* at one sitting, and a good deal that would be excellent in another context is rendered commonplace by the time one struggles to the end of the action. This film is well worth seeing if you like Steve Martin.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 10 Beaver constructions
- 14 Collected's complement
- 15 Voice range
- 16 Pointed arch
- 17 Starting point of a sort
- 20 Turf
- 22 Abundant
- 23 Years
- 24 Scurried
- 26 Always, to a bard
- 27 Tease
- 30 Submerges
- 32 Let it stand, to the editor
- 33 A Jackson nickname
- 37 Charger
- 39 Use a shuttle
- 40 Street show
- 41 Pastries
- 43 Gaunt
- 44 Tractor name
- 45 Choice fowl part
- 47 Cardinal color
- 50 Hill worker: Abbr.
- 51 Charges
- 52 Astral hunter
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- 80 Raise
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- 82 Delete
- 83 Kitchen implement
- 84 Blunders
- 85 Sooner State: Abbr.
- 86 Hawaiian entertainer — Ho
- 87 Work unit
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AQJ6 ♦AKS2 ♦AQ102 The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass Pass

2 ♡ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦J6 ♦AKQ73 ♦93 ♦AQ105 The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♡ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦83 ♦AJ76 ♦A82 ♦AJ92 The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♡ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦873 ♦AJ9 ♦104 ♦KQJ92 The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 NT Pass ?

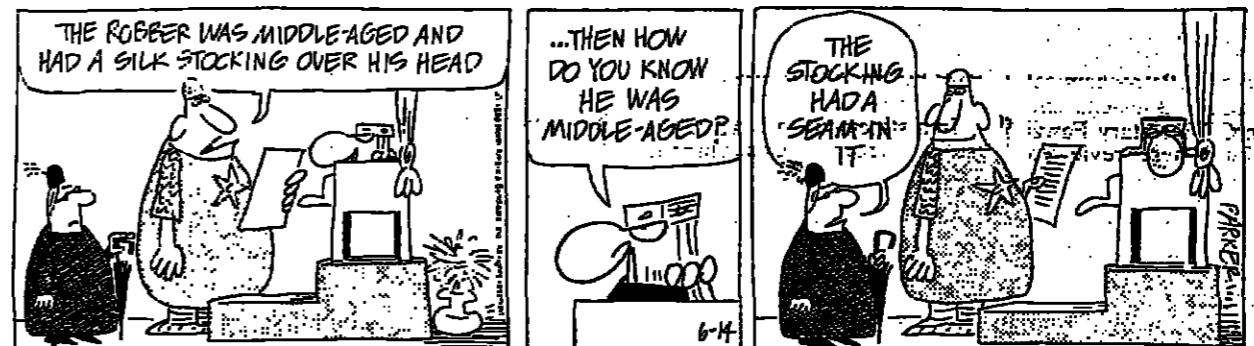
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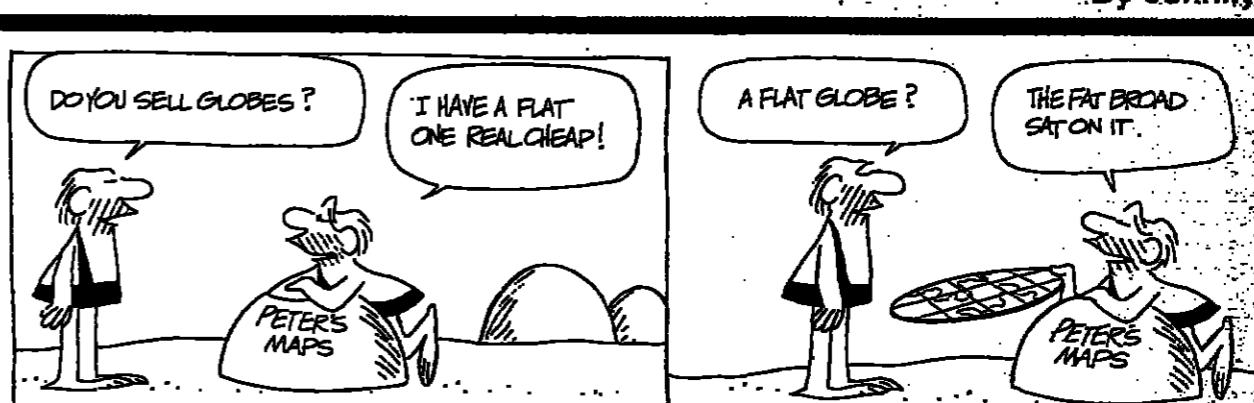
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

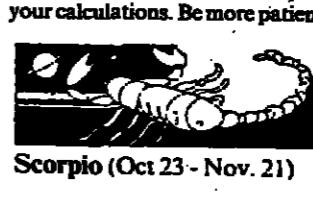
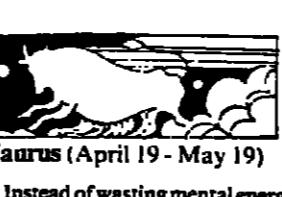


Something you learnt to do recently at quite a cost to yourself in time and effort will now come into its own. Someone who had made you a promise will not now keep it. Do not be angry, your turn will come. Be prudent.

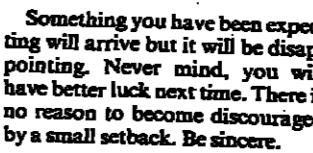
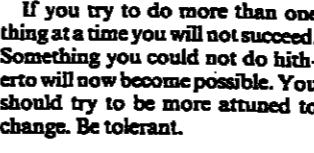
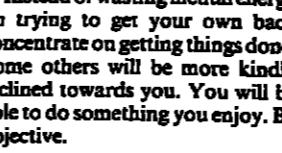
...THEN HOW DO YOU KNOW HE WAS MIDDLE-AGED?

A FLAT GLOBE?

CAPRICORN: Secondary matter cannot be ignored altogether and will take rather too much of your time. A small injury should be treated carefully, neglected is dangerous. Do not resist change but avoid making changes just for the sake of change. Be tactful.



AN OBSTACLE you had anticipated will not now materialise. However, all will not be plain sailing and you must not become careless. Do not try to behave as though you were ten years younger. Be sensible.



YOU WILL TEND TO GET LOST IN DETAIL AND MISS THE ESSENCE OF THE MATTER. A FRIEND OF YOURS WILL NEED YOUR HELP AND YOU SHOULD NOT DENY IT. YOU SHOULD BE MORE WARY OF SPENDING MONEY ON WHAT SEEMS TO BE A BARGAIN. BE W

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Energy File

Soviet oil output below target

MOSCOW, July 31, (Reuters): Soviet oil production is lagging increasingly behind target this year and was three million tonnes short in the six months to June, according to official statistics published yesterday.

The first half figures, issued by the state statistics committee Goskomstat and published by the government daily Izvestia, also showed the country's trade deficit worsening owing to a surge in imports.

Many of the details were announced last Friday by the committee's deputy chief, Nikolai Belov. They showed sluggish growth, wage rises far in excess of production increases and a boosted money supply likely to fuel inflation.

The latest figures put first half oil production at 304 million tonnes - 3.3 million tonnes short of planned targets. First quarter production stood at 152 million tonnes, a shortfall of 721,000 tonnes.

The foreign trade deficit was put at 1.1 billion roubles (\$1.7 billion), with imports up 2.3 per cent on last year's figures at 34.2 billion (\$53.6 billion) and exports at 33.1 billion (\$52 billion).

Figures for the first nine months of last year put exports in surplus - 49.1 billion roubles (\$7.7 billion) against imports of 48 billion (\$75.3 billion).

Declining export revenues are linked to drops in the price of oil and other raw materials.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced this month a programme to purchase imported consumer goods worth 10 billion roubles (\$16 billion) to make up chronic shortages in Soviet shops.

OPEC accord

■ ALGIERS, July 31, (OPECNA): Algerian Minister of Energy and Petrochemical Industries Sadik Boussena and the Libyan Oil Secretary Fawzi A. Shakshuki here reviewed latest developments in the oil market.

The ministers studied early market reaction to the OPEC agreement for the second half of 1989 which sets total production for the 13 member countries at 19.5 million BPD around a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

In a statement to UAE television from Casablanca, Morocco, broadcast here last night, Otaiba said the September meeting would give a new boost to the June agreement and strengthen existing confidence in the market.

The OPEC committee, comprising the oil and energy ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela, will review the market and prepare a long-term strategy, including the allocation of permanent quotas. The other five member countries will also attend the talks.

Otaiba urged non-OPEC producers to help the organisation in its efforts to stabilise prices at \$18 a barrel. "Market stability will lead to a better performance by the world economy," he stated. What the market needed was a guarantee from OPEC to overcome the difficulties associated with fluctuations in demand during the summer and winter seasons and the negative impact by market speculators.

Otaiba said OPEC members were sticking to their oil quotas, the official UAE news agency WAM reported.

vigour of business fixed investment.

After adjustment for the knock-on effects of last year's drought, real GNP growth in the US during the first quarter of 1989 was mere 1.9 per cent annualised.

This was largely due to a rise of more than 10 per cent in capital spending.

Private consumption made only sluggish progress, since higher interest rates have boosted the appeal of savings.

Capital goods, however, look set to stay in strong demand, buoyed by a favourable business climate, ample liquidity in a large number of companies and high levels of capacity utilization.

Against that, the improvement in US trade figures is expected to be slight, since the ongoing rise in import volumes makes a rapid reduction of the deficit unlikely.

The US Federal Reserve Board's restrictive monetary stance will soon begin to leave its mark on inflation.

The present 3 per cent rate may edge upwards in the latter half of 1989, but there is little prospect of a big surge, as improved oil price stability is helping to keep things under control.

One inflationary pressure that is set to intensify, however, is that of mounting labour costs.

In continental Europe, inflation is likely to put on a spurt in the second half of the year. This will be caused by sharp increases in demand at a time when capacity bottlenecks are becoming more and more apparent and by the excessively expansive monetary policies of recent years.

Inflation will also be fuelled by the dollar's appreciation during the second quarter and by the

initial impact of the restrictive stances the national monetary authorities have now adopted.

A further tightening of the reins in 1989 cannot be excluded, given the strength of economic expansion in Europe.

Unemployment continues to fall in the EEC under the impact of buoyant economic conditions, and some countries are beginning to experience considerable labour shortages.

The danger of overheating is still acute, although some relief could come from temporary reductions in purchasing power caused by rising inflation.

The odd man out in this largely homogenous picture of the European economy is the UK.

In the first quarter of 1989, Britain's real GNP growth was negative for the first time since 1985.

*Economic trends	Real GNP						Consumer prices			Balance of payments on current account		
	1988 annual	1989 Q4 annual	1989 Q4 annual	1990 annual	1988 annual	1989 Q4 annual	1990 annual	1988 US\$ bn	1989 US\$ bn	1990 US\$ bn		
USA	3.9	3.0	2.0	1.5	4.1	5.5	5.8	5.3	-135.0	-130.0	-120.0	
Canada	4.3	3.0	2.0	1.5	4.0	5.0	5.3	5.0	-7.5	-8.0	-9.0	
Japan	5.7	5.3	4.5	4.0	0.7	2.5	2.5	2.3	79.5	85.0	80.0	
Australia	3.5	3.0	1.0	1.0	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.0	-10.5	-11.5	-9.0	
Germany	3.4	4.0	3.0	2.5	1.2	3.3	3.8	3.3	48.0	55.0	55.0	
France	3.6	3.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.8	3.5	-4.0	-3.0	-3.0	
United Kingdom	4.2	2.5	2.0	2.0	5.0	8.0	7.5	6.3	-25.5	-24.5	-23.5	
Italy	3.9	3.7	2.8	2.3	5.0	6.9	7.0	6.8	-4.0	-3.5	-11.0	
Spain	5.2	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.8	6.8	6.0	6.0	-2.5	-9.0	-12.0	
Netherlands	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.5	0.8	1.8	3.0	2.8	5.0	4.0	3.5	
Switzerland	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	4.0	3.3	6.0	5.0	5.5	
Total (13 major industrial countries)	4.0	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.4	4.9	4.6	4.7	-44.0	-50.0	-35.0	
*Annual rates: annual total/average compared with previous year. Q4 year-on-year comparison.												

In Japan, as elsewhere, capital spending is the main engine of economic activity, with private consumption also on a high growth trajectory and likely to remain there.

Low unemployment and high capacity utilization suggest that inflation in Japan will climb to 2.5 per cent this year.

In Switzerland, inflation continues to accelerate and could well reach 4 per cent by the end of the year.

For the time being, this acceleration is having little effect on the country's impressive growth figures, which once again are attributable mainly to strong business fixed investment.

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Time is ripe for investing in equities

World economy continues on its high growth track

Oil prices set to rise: Otaiba

OPEC members abide by quotas



Mana Saeed Otaiba

"All the evidence shows that all (OPEC) states respect their assigned (oil) production quotas," WAM today quoted Otaiba as saying on UAE television.

Otaiba said: "The world market fixes the price of oil .. because OPEC has abandoned fixing the price and left it for the market."

But he called on non-OPEC oil producers to back the group's efforts to reach a price of \$18 a barrel.

Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita said on Saturday OPEC may call an emergency meeting if world oil prices continue a fall.

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Jordan bank floats dinar

AMMAN, July 31, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank floated the dinar today in an apparent bid to beat the black market and encourage expatriate workers to send their dollar earnings home.

A three-page central bank memo freed banks to trade hard currency at market rates but said they must continue to observe a fixed official rate for public sector imports of basic food, some medicines and fees of Jordanian students abroad.

The dinar lost 36 per cent of its official dollar value in the past year and 57 per cent on the black market because Jordan ran short of foreign exchange to cover its payments deficit, including the cost of an \$8 billion foreign debt.

The Central Bank set its official rate at 576.4 fils to the dollar today, unchanged from yesterday. On the black market the rate was about 850 fils to the dollar. The dinar has 1,000 fils.

Some bank dealers said they would compete with the black market but few had dollars to sell.

Rate

"Everyone is waiting to see if money will now come in from the Gulf," one dealer said. "We expect the rate to be about 850 or 870 fils to the dollar, but we cannot be sure yet."

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Dollar drifts downwards

Gold prices ease

LONDON, July 31, (Reuters): The dollar drifted downwards in Europe today, closing almost two pfennigs lower against the West German mark, as listless markets awaited fresh direction from Washington about US interest rates.

Dealers said they expected another quiet, featureless day tomorrow with any possibility of action likely to be delayed until the end of the week.

"We are just bobbing up and down," one trader in Frankfurt said. "Things could get more interesting later this week," added another.

The key economic indicator expected this week is US employment figures due on Friday. Dealers expect these to

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 31, (Reuters): Strong domestic support for leading stocks pushed the Australian share market to a higher close. The All Ordinaries closed 7.4 points up at 1,634.2.

TOKYO: Late buying by new trust funds ignited a blaze of buying across a wide front, leading shares higher after a day of mainly light, narrow trading. The Nik

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Nissin Steel Co Ltd is issuing \$600 mln in four-year equity-warrant bonds with an indicated coupon at 4-1/4 pct. Nomura International PLC, lead manager of the \$400 mln European tranche, said. A \$200 mln Asian tranche is led by Yamazaki International (HK) Ltd. in Geneva. Lead manager Banque Paribas (Suisse) said. Nissin Steel is also issuing 300 mln Swiss francs in five-year convertible notes with an indicated 1/2 pct coupon and a put option.

London: Denmark is offering a \$150 mln five-year Eurobond paying a coupon of 8-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.

London: The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC said it plans a number of moves to strengthen its capital structure, led by the issue of 825 mln of non-cumulative dividend preference shares.

London: Central Securities Investments NV is issuing a \$70 mln callable floating rate note due August 22, 2000 at par, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said.

Dubai: Westpac Finance N.V., Curacao, is issuing a 300 mln Swedish crown Eurobond due June 14, 1994 with a 11-1/8 pct coupon price at 101-7/8, lead manager and parent Westpac's Landesbank Grodzinthal said.

Moscow: The Soviet Union overwrote 20 billion rubles in hard currency of a total foreign debt of 34 billion rubles, Finance Minister Valentin Pavlov said in an interview with the newspaper of the Council of Ministers.

BHARAT

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.50	31.50	31.50	NAT DRG	--	--	--
ACC	276.50	280	277	GRASIN	118	118.50	116	NIPPON	40	42.50	42
ALM CHIN	--	--	--	GSFC	155.17	155.17	155.20	NOCIL	960	960	945
ALM NIS	--	--	--	SUJ ALKL	68	68.50	67.50	ORKAY	16.25	16	16
ALM TAB	--	--	--	GUJ HEAVY	11	10	11	OSUAL AGRO	75	75	73.50
ASHOK LEY	70	65	67.50	HERO HONDA	20	19.50	20.50	PEICO	18.50	18	18.50
ASIA PAINT	190	190	192.50	HIND CIBA	860	860	840	PFIZER	65	64	65
ATLAS CORP	55	55	55	HIND COCOA	108	108	107.50	PONDS	166.25	167	160
AUTO CORP	72	70	66	HIND LEVER	91.50	91.50	91.50	PENT AUTO	50	49.50	48.50
BAJAJ AUTO	332.50	332.50	327.50	HIND MOTOR	32.75	33.50	32.75	RANBAXY	82.50	77.50	80
BAR RAYON	527.50	530	520	HINDALCO	275.75	267.25	273.75	RAY WOOL	83.25	82	83
BK BOND	81	79	81	HOECHST	760	740	730	RECKITT	177.50	177.50	180
BLOW PLAST	--	--	--	IND ORG	37	36	35.50	RELIANCE	109.50	108.50	108.50
BON DYE	126	126.50	122	IND RAYON	77.75	75	77	SESA GOA	41	39	41.50
BSE INDEX	743.13	722.64	719	INDRUL	290	292.50	287.50	SHAW WALL	--	--	--
BURW MEL	200	190	195	INGERSOLL	385	375	385	SRIRE CEM	--	--	--
CANSHARE	--	--	--	ITC	109	107	108	SIRI FIB	82.50	80	80
CEN ENKA	2700	2700	2710	JK SYN	76	75	76	SIEGENS	63	65	67
CEN SPC	1920	1945	1925	KIN ENGG	150	142.50	145.50	SKF	1230	1230	1220
COLGATE	312.50	313.75	310	KIR CLRN	61.50	60	62	SPIC	51.25	52.25	51
CROMT GR	1350	1300	1325	KSB PUMPS	580	570	580	ST MILLS	355	355	350
DCH	12	11	11.50	L & T	105	107	106	TATA CHEM	121	122	121
DEEP FERT	30	30	29.50	LITTON	71	72	70	TATA OIL	70	68.75	70
DUNLOP	79	76	77	MAC RUSSEL	113	110	110	TATA POW	395	375	347.5
EI HOTELS	57	58	59	MAD COATS	100	103	103	TELCO	965	977.50	967.5
ESCATORS	65	65	65.50	MAHINDRA	88	87	87.50	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESKAYEF	115	115	115	MAS SHARE	16	15.65	15.50	TISCO	1303	1277	--
ESSAR SPG	24.75	25	25	MICO	620	630	625	VAN ORG	165	166	164
FOOD SPL	162.50	162.50	160	MILKFODD	197.50	192.50	197.50	VARELI	22.50	22.50	22.40
FORBES	47.50	47	48.75	WODT	87	85	87	VOLTAS	840	820	835
GAR POLY	67	67.50	67	HRB LTD	--	362.50	357.50	WINCO	16.50	16	15.75
GE SWIPING	42	42.50	41.50	NUK IRON	128	126.50	127.50	ZENITH	54	52	54
GLINDIA	89	89	88	NAT INDEX	583.92	576.64	ZUARI AGRO	68	68	67	--

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE
AEC	205.0	207.8	AIJINOMOTO	2840	2860	MITSUB CP	1650	1630	MITSUB EST	2520	2500
ALLIANZ VR	2185.0	2179.0	AKAI ELEC	760	756	MITSUB HVY	1250	1260	NAKAMURA	1210	1190
BADENMERK	230.0	228.0	AKOI	1430	1430	MITSUI CO	1210	1190	NISSAN	1000	999
BAASF	285.8	284.8	ASAHI GLS	2590	2580	MITSUKOSHI	2360	2290	NISSAN CHTN	1670	1680
BAFER HYD	293.8	294.8	ASAHI OPT	940	929	MITSUMI EL	1000	999	NISSON CHTN	1780	1750
BAFER VER	432.0	431.0	BANK TOKYO	1720	1720	MICHICON	1260	1250	NIKKO SEC	1870	1840
BBC	450.0	450.0	BRIDGESTON	1710	1680	NIKON CMNT	1260	1250	NIP ELEC	1920	1920
BHF	465.0	462.5	CANON	1780	1750	NIKKO SEC	1870	1840	NIP ELEC	1920	1920
BHN	601.8	608.0	CASTO COMP	1430	1410	NIP ELEC	1920	1920	NIP KOKA	838	840
COMMERZBK	262.5	266.0	CHUGAI PHM	1970	1970	NIP KOKA	838	840	NIP OIL	1530	1490
CONTI. GERM	315.7	317.0	CITIZEN W	1100	1090	NIP STEEL	879	872	NIP STEEL	879	872
DAIMER BEN	758.0	759.2	D-ICHI KAN	3470	3460	NIP STEEL	879	872	NIP STEEL	879	872
DEUTSC BIKE	680.0	674.3	DAI NIP PT	2370	2340	NIS MOTOR	1540	1530	NOMURA SEC	1260	1270
DLW	548.0	555.0	DAI NIP SC	1260	1270	NOMURA SEC	1260	1280	OLYMPUS	1500	1480
DRESDNER B	369.5	365.0	DAI NIP TO	991	988	OBHA CO	1260	1280	OLYMPUS	1500	1480
DT BABCOCK	198.0	201.5	DAIZEL	1130	1140	OLYMPUS	1500	1480	OLYMPUS	1500	1480
FRAZ INDENT	638.65	639.79	DATAH: H	--	2650	PENTA OCN	1450	1450	OLYMPUS	1500	1480
FELDMERLE	378.0	376.3	DAWA SEC	2560	2540	PIONEER	370	370	OLYMPUS	1500	1480
GOODSCHILD	419.00	412.00	EBRAI BFG	2520	2520	PICTONE	370	370	OLYMPUS	1500	1480
HARPER	452.0	452.0	EISIMOT	2800	2910	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
HESCHT AG	294.0	295.8	FUJITSU	1610	1600	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
HORTEN	284.5	286.0	FUJI BANK	3640	3550	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
HUSSEL HLD	658.0	652.0	FUJI PHOTO	4220	4230	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
KALI SALZ	208.0	208.7	FUJISAMA	1820	1800	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
KARSTZ	612.0	614.0	FUJITA CP	1990	1970	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
KAUFHOF	515.5	519.5	HITACHI	1600	1590	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
KLOEK H	187.5	188.0	HONDA MOT	2000	1990	PICTONE	370	370	PICTONE	370	370
KLOEK W	145.8	145.0	ISTAN	2570	2550	PICTONE	370	370			

Bond yields likely to drop

NEW YORK, July 31. (KUNA): Long-term bond yields are expected to drop further in the coming weeks after falling below eight per cent for the first time in two years on Friday.

By the end of last week the treasury's benchmark 8-7/8 per cent bonds due in the year 2019 were offered at a price to yield 7.98 per cent.

On Wednesday the US treasury is expected to announce that it will sell \$9.5 billion worth of new bonds at its quarterly refunding auctions, which begin August 8.

The main force strengthening the bond market continues to be the Federal Reserve, America's central bank, which over the past two months has pushed the short-term federal funds rate down on three separate occasions, most recently last week to nine per cent.

Analysts and market participants alike are assuming that to forestall a recession the Fed will loosen its credit reins as long as data show the economy is slowing.

Some commercial banks have responded by lowering to 10-1/2 per cent from 11 per cent their prime rate, which determines many other consumer rates, including mortgage rates.

Chase Manhattan Bank was the first major financial institution to move to the lower level three weeks ago but most other banks did not follow suit immediately.

At Bank of America the 10-1/2 per cent prime rate took effect today (Monday). Other banks are likely to fall in line with the two majors this week.

Pakistan may slash 5-year plan

ISLAMABAD, July 31. (Reuter): Pakistan is likely to slash its 1988-93 five-year development plan by 15 to 25 per cent through lack of funds, the official APP news agency reported today.

At present the seventh five-year plan is estimated at Rs642.4 billion (\$32.2 billion), including a fixed investment of Rs350 billion (\$17.4 billion) in the public sector. A Rs292.4 billion (\$14.6 billion) investment was planned in the private sector.

The Planning and Development Ministry of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's eight-month-old government has begun looking at areas where cuts could be made, APP said. It gave no details.

The plan was prepared by the government of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a plane crash last August.

Bhutto complained after winning elections in November that Zia left an empty exchequer.

KD rates steady to easier

KUWAIT, July 31. (Reuter): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady to easier today in quiet summer trade.

The government announced an official holiday on Wednesday and Thursday to mark the first two days of the new Islamic year 1410 AH and bankers said there would be no trading.

They said Thursday's holiday had been expected but Wednesday's had not, and a small amount of distortion in maturities had been caused.

One and three month were unchanged from Sunday at a uniform 9-1/4-8-3/4 per cent. Overnight traded at 7-3/4 and 8-1/4. Tomorrow-next and spot-next fell 3/8 point to nine eight.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate unchanged from yesterday at 0.29416/26.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were generally firmer in line with higher Eurodollar rates, dealers said.

"It was another quiet day with most of the activity in the shorter end of the market," a dealer said.

One-month was about 8-5/8-1-1/2 per cent, up 1/8 from yesterday, and two-month and three-month rose about 1/16 to 8-9/16-8-7/16. Six-month and one-year were unchanged at about 8-1/2-3/8.

The spot riyal rose to around 3.7499/03 from 3.7503/06 to the dollar.

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Over the next twelve months, however, Switzerland's restrictive monetary policy will start to bite on demand and should therefore help produce a welcome cooldown, especially in the real-estate sector.

These variations in economic strength indicate that a more restrictive monetary stance is needed in the traditional hard currency countries than in the United States.

This will further narrow the current interest rate differentials in favour of dollar investments and, in turn, lower the dollar's external value.

The persistent and gaping imbalances that exist in world trade point in the same direction.

The flight of capital into the dollar sector provoked by the crisis in China had only a fleeting effect on the US unit's performance. In the short term the dollar looks set to be very jittery.

In Switzerland, rising inflation and months of erosion of the Swiss franc's position forced the

Swiss National Bank to push its key rates up substantially, the effect of which filtered through into money market rates.

The EMS currencies emerged largely unscathed from the recent upheavals on foreign exchange markets around the world.

In fact, the system's existing tensions were alleviated by heavy outflows of capital from Germany and a resultant weakening of the D-mark against the dollar.

The mood of the American money market in recent weeks has been very relaxed while in Europe and Japan rates have been raised, sometimes substantially.

This situation may be changing now that the dollar boom is coming to an end; even so, recent reductions in interest rate differentials in favour of dollar investments are probably here to stay, at least for a while.

Movements on the US money market are reflecting the slowdown in growth in the American economy.

The fall in the Fed's funds rate

in the first half of June suggests that the Fed has relaxed its grip somewhat. With inflation still edging up, however, a return to slightly higher interest rates can be expected in the months ahead.

Despite the inflationary surge in the Japanese economy the Bank of Japan has not moved to tighten the screws, especially since there has been some let-up in the growth of monetary aggregates.

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In Britain, the Bank of England was forced to push up base lending rates by one percentage point to 14 per cent. This was a result of mounting downside pressure on sterling, the continuing rise in inflation and faster-than-targeted monetary aggregate growth.

Over the longer term, however, the Bank of England will have to bring its base rate down again to counter the threat of recession.

Following the April-May period of rising interest rates, the Swiss money market has become a lot more relaxed thanks to the introduction of the floating lombard rate.

This combination may well explain why many investors have increased the dollar bond weighting of their portfolios.

Only few of the leading world equity markets posted significant price rises during the second quarter of 1989, with the US market foremost among them. For some time now, share price movements have been

heavily influenced by interest rate trends.

The second half of the year is unlikely to bring a further stringent tightening of monetary policy in the shape of sharp interest rate hikes.

Capital markets may well see some gains as a result of growing concern over inflation, but this will probably have little impact on equity markets in view of the trends which are keeping corporate profit expectations buoyant.

The healthy state of the economy paves the way for prices to rise on the stockmarkets, with especially impressive gains likely to be chalked up in the traditional hard currency countries.

Investor sentiment in the United States has brightened up, particularly among those taking the long view.

Fears that the Fed's policies would throttle economic activity and cause a sharp drop in profits are now fading.

But although the US market is now attractive to investors with

long-term goals, there is little prospect of spectacular gains.

Share prices on the Tokyo exchange suffered the effects of political fall-out from the Recruit scandal during the second quarter.

At the same time, many of the big Japanese firms announced excellent results for the last financial year (ended 31 March), and their hopes of maintaining the profit surge this year seem well founded.

In London, sentiment continues to be dominated by the hope that the UK economy will manage a soft landing.

The only way this will happen, however, is if the current high interest rate policy is relaxed.

In the long term, therefore, there is a significant risk of price losses, although British exporters look set to take advantage of a weaker pound to increase their profits and expand more than those firms operating primarily in the domestic market.

The German equity market is currently torn between extremely heartening economic

Higher wage claims could cloud prospects

Bonn economy is set to expand



Helmut Kohl

become less bright."

The last major wage settlements were negotiated between employers and unions in 1987 and are valid for three years.

The OECD forecast wage rises of about 3.75 per cent next year but warned this could be "on the low side of possible outcomes."

It recommended that tight monetary policies in force since mid-1988 should be maintained to keep inflation under control.

The Bundesbank, West Germany's Central Bank, has raised its key interest rates three times this year in order to strengthen the mark and restrain price rises.

The OECD report said the strong economy would push the unemployment rate down to about seven percent by the end of 1990 from 7.4 per cent at present.

The OECD prediction was echoed by Wolfgang Roeller,

chief executive of Dresdner Bank, who told news conference in Stuttgart today that strong corporate investment augured well for a cut in the dole queues.

The OECD said West Germany's bulging trade surplus, which has prompted attacks from countries including the United States and France for exacerbating global imbalances, would stay high this year and in 1990.

Bonn's Finance Minister Theo Waigel said earlier this month that the large trade surplus was caused by special factors and that West Germany's trading partners recognised this.

The surplus reached a record 128 billion marks (\$68 billion) last year and economists say it may surge to 140 billion marks (\$75 billion) this year.

World Bank sets lending record

New commitments approved

MOEEN QURESHI, senior vice-president for operations, announced the World Bank's operational results for fiscal 1989, which ended June 30. Here is his statement:

The fiscal year that is just ending has been a landmark year for the World Bank. Our lending reached an all-time high."

"Much more significant, we have taken important initiatives in the environmental and social areas, in private-sector development, and financial-sector reform, and have opened a new chapter in our work in assisting the highly indebted countries."

"There is a new momentum in our operational work today. This position us well to assist the developing countries in confronting the complex issues and challenges of the final decade of this century. The World Bank goes into the 1990s in strong shape."

The overall level of new commitments approved by the Boards of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), in the fiscal year to June 30, 1989, exceeded \$21 billion for the first time in the Bank's history.

The IBRD board approved 119 operations amounting to \$16.4 billion, compared to approvals for 118 operations for \$14.8 billion in our 1988 fiscal year. The IDA board approved 106 operations, that is seven more than in the previous year, for a total of SDR 3.7 billion, compared to SDR 3.3 billion in FY88.

IBRD gross disbursements were almost identical this year to last year at \$11.6 billion, while IDA gross disbursements are up to \$3.8 billion from \$3.4 billion. IDA net disbursements were up to \$3.6 billion from \$3.2 billion.

IBRD net disbursements were down to \$1.6 billion from \$3.4 billion due to large prepayments by some of the member governments — these amounted to \$2.9 billion, including \$1.4 billion in prepayments by Romania, \$700 million by Korea, and \$400 million by Thailand.

To the extent that bank borrowers have access to private markets and can repay the bank, this is an entirely welcome development because it increases the potential availability of resources for other member governments.

"The content of our work is far more important than the absolute volume of the money we provide. In this respect, the strategic priorities that World Bank President Barber Conable has set for the institution truly began to be embodied in our operations during the past year. As Conable has stated, the focal point of our efforts is to make this institution the cutting edge of a people-oriented development process and strategy."

Growth alone does not necessarily reduce poverty, nor does it ensure food security.

"We need targeted programmes to overcome deficiencies of critical skills, or build strong domestic institutions."

Soul searching urged

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31. (KUNA): Malaysian Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar today called for "soul searching" by the 128 members of the Group of 77 developing countries asking why they have not fully utilised available opportunities for economic and technical co-operation.

He said the political and economic environment had changed since co-operation between developing countries began in the late 1950s and there was now a dynamic transformation of the global economy such as the single formation of the single European market in 1992 and the signing of the United States-Canada free trade agreement.

"These are both opportunities and challenges and the G-77 must rise to the challenge of change confronting us and react accordingly," he said at the opening of the seventh Inter-governmental Follow-up and Co-ordination (IFCC VII) meeting of the G-77 here. Malaysia is the current chairman of the G-77.

His speech was read out by his deputy Dr Abdullah Fadil Che Wan.

Omar is in Paris attending the international conference on Cambodia.

In his speech, Omar said failure to meet these challenges would not only "marginalise" the importance of technical and economic co-operation, but undermine the grouping as well.

Company founder dies

Undated file photo of Ramon Areces Rodriguez, 84, founder of Spain's biggest privately-owned company, the Corte Ingles chain of department stores, died on Sunday. Areces a widower who left no children, built his business up from a small Madrid tailor's shop he founded in 1934 to a retail giant, employing more than 30,000 people. (Reuter wirephoto)

State firms lose \$5b a year

Senate approves bill

BUENOS AIRES, July 31, (Agencies): The Argentine Senate on Thursday approved a bill enabling the government of President Carlos Menem to sell off some or all of 35 money-losing state enterprises from telephones to railroads — to the private sector.

Menem has put priority on making the state-run Telephone Company a private corporation with stockholders. The government also has announced plans to contract out to private businesses much of the oil exploration and refining work now done by the heavily protected oil monopoly, YPF.

Other large state companies expected to be privatised in whole or in part include the railroads, Argentine Airlines, petrochemical companies, two of the three state television stations, and government run radio stations.

The post office and the subways are expected to remain in state hands while contracting out more services to the private sector.

The purpose of the privatisation bill is to stop a drain on the national treasury and put an end to rampant featherbedding.

Roberto Dromi, minister of public works who has jurisdiction over the largest state companies, has estimated that state companies lose a total of \$5 billion a year. Asked recently which companies will be sold to the private sector, he replied, "everything that can be."

The overall bill was approved unanimously in the Senate's two-tier voting procedure which requires one vote on the whole bill and separate votes on each clause.

Some articles in the bill received opposition votes, but the majority approved every clause of the bill as the Menem administration wanted.

Before it becomes law, the bill must be approved by the chamber of deputies and signed by Menem.

Voting was expected to be tougher in the chamber, where the opposition Radical Civic Union Party has a plurality. The Peronist Party of Menem has a plurality in the Senate.

The chamber, like the Senate, is expected to approve the law in general, but might strike down individual clauses.

MCC unveils profits rise

LONDON, July 31, (Reuters): Robert Maxwell said today his publishing empire's pre-tax profits rose by 15.7 per cent last year and new acquisitions had made it one of the world's top 10 media companies.

Maxwell Communication Corp. shares rose five pence (8.3 cents) on the news to £2.08 (\$3.4) although the results were a shade below some analysts' expectations.

Profits before tax increased to £192 million (\$319 million) in the 15-months until the end of March from 166 million (\$275 million) in calendar 1987.

The 15-month accounting period was created to take account of big changes in the structure of the corporation in 1988.

"Before the end of this financial year (March 1990), our group will be a purely publishing and communications group," Maxwell said of the restructuring.

"With the disposal of our major UK printing businesses, the group's assets, revenues and profits have shifted decisively to North America," he said in a statement.

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YOUNG WRITER

My world-wide travels



Rahul with mother and father inside Santa's cottage in Finland.



Near Rovaniemi: Rahul with parents.

Young poet

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Aims, ambitions and goals,
But you did never give a chance to
My mind says "we'll make it" but my
Heart knows the journeys getting shorter and the
road is leading to nowhere.
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which is making you famous in your circle of friends,
But tell me love, where is it leading
You in your personal life?
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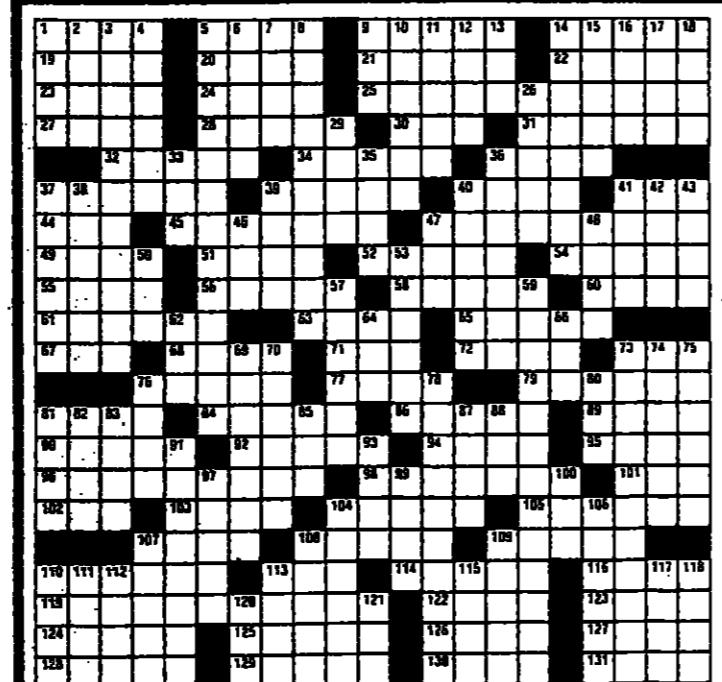
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Crossword



Amazing facts

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New York was originally discovered by a Florentine sailor, Giovanni Varrazzoni, in 1524.

The gestation period of a rhinoceros is 560 days.

There are known to be 1,000 million galaxies in the universe — there may be many more.

A citizen of Michigan, USA received a postcard in February 1976 that had been mailed 68 years before addressed to his grandfather.

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Like July, August was named after a Roman, Augustus Caesar, who as well as giving it his name, increased the number of its days from thirty to thirty-one.

The harvest ripens in August and the crops are gathered. A long time ago in England, August 1, known as Lammas Day, was the beginning of the harvest festival, when loaves of bread were made from the earliest ripe corn

and taken to church to be consecrated.

Once, before the days of mechanical reapers and binders, farmers used to give their farm workers a present of a pair of gloves on Lammas Day to protect their hands against the thorns and thistles growing amongst the crops they would soon be gathering.

Manal

Happy birthday



Keegan Francis Fernandes celebrated his tenth birthday on July 24. Belated greetings from parents, family, relatives and friends.

Keegan goes to Blue Mountains and likes to sing and dance.



Binu Rani Albert celebrated her 4th birthday on July 30. Belated greetings from parents, family, relatives and friends.

Binu is in lower KG of Carmel School and enjoys drawing, singing and watching cartoons.



Sherif Zaid Alam of the United Indian School in Abbassiya, turned six on July 17. Belated greetings from parents, friends and relatives.

Sherif enjoys watching cartoons and drawing.



Happy birthday to Z'sofia so dear,
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From Amina Reza.



Moses Vincent Paul Vales celebrated his 7th birthday on July 29. Hearty wishes from parents, relatives and friends.

Moses goes to the Indian School, Salmyah and likes watching cartoons, playing football and electronics.



Nasser Khan of the New Indian School celebrated his 11th birthday on July 28. Belated greetings from mum, daddy, Shaz, Archie and Ali.

Nasser likes to collect stickers and play tennis.



Ali Rida celebrates his birthday on August 2. Many happy returns of the day from Uncle Javid, parents and friends.

Congratulations on the success of completing the pilgrimage earlier this month.

Just for laughs!

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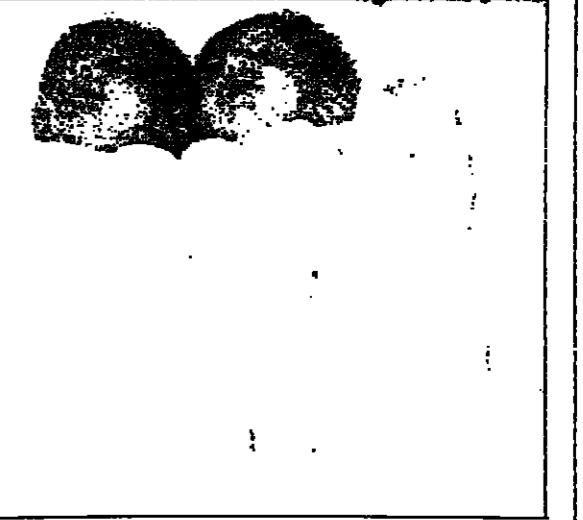
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Colouring time



Babies of the Week



A hearty thanks to Dr John Cherian of Al Salam Hospital and congratulations for the twin sisters Kavita and Karuna.

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SPORTS

Lopez scores 41st career victory

SOMERS POINT, N.J., July 31. (Reuters) Nancy Lopez shot a one-under-par 69 yesterday to win the Atlantic City Classic golf tournament by one stroke for her 41st career victory on the LPGA Tour.

Lopez, who won \$33,750, beat compatriot Americans Chris Johnson and Vicki Fergen who turned in 71s for the day over the 6,020-yard course.

American Jennifer Wyatt finished alone at 208 with 69 on the day, a stroke better than compatriots Rosie Jones, Elaine Crosby and Pat Bradley.

"I've been finishing second and third so much," Lopez said. "There was a lot of anxiety there for me. I feel good about the way I finished because I hung in there pretty tough."

Lopez began the day a stroke behind second-round leaders Johnson and Fergen and turned in two birdies and one bogey.

Her first birdie was on the par-three fourth hole when she hit a nine-iron to one foot from the hole. Her only other birdie in her round was on the par-five eighth hole after she blasted out of a bunker to four

feet and sank the putt to take a one-stroke lead over Fergen and Johnson.

That misfortune brought her back to four-under and tied with Fergen, Johnson and rookie Jennifer Wyatt of Canada. Wyatt was tied for the lead until she bogeyed the 15th hole. Wyatt bogeyed her 18th hole to finish two-under par for the tournament and in fourth place.

RUGBY

Australia name three debutants for Test

SYDNEY, July 31. (Reuters) Australia named three young debutants today for the Bledisloe Cup rugby union Test match against New Zealand on August 5.

Prop Tony Daly, hooker Phil Kearns and outside centre Tim Horan gain their first caps against the world champions in a team which shows five changes from the side beaten 19-18 in the third Test against the British Lions.

Daly, 23, is virtually unknown and was not picked to play against the Lions for either the new South Wales A or B teams. Experienced Mark McLean was expected to take the hooker's spot ahead of Kearns who is just 22.

Horan, 19, has been included to add spark to the Wallaby backline which has relied heavily all season on flyhalf Michael Lynagh for its inventiveness and point-scoring.

Veteran prop Andy McIntyre and flanker Simon Poidevin, who have 84 caps between them, are also recalled for the game in Auckland.

Both players announced their retirement from representatives rugby in the past year but were picked to play for the Anzac XV in the final game of the Lions tour.

McIntyre told journalists the All Black Test would definitely be his last game in the Wallabies shirt while Poidevin is unavailable for the Tour of France later this year.

Team Greg Martin, David Campese, Tim Horan, Lloyd Walker, Ian Williams, Michael Lynagh, Nick Farr-Jones (captain), Steve Tuyman, Jeff Miller, Bill Campbell, Steve Curter, Simon Poidevin, Tony Daly, Phil Kearns, Andy McIntyre.

In Wellington, it was disclosed, that All Black flanker Michael Jones will miss the rest of the season after suffering a severe knee injury in the 49-12 defeat of the Argentine Pumas on Saturday.

"He's going to be out of action for several months," said surgeon Barry Tietjens, who operated on Jones yesterday.

"Let me just say he did exactly what we thought he

Jackson retains crown

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 31. (Reuters) Julian Jackson made up for a lacklustre first round by unloading a clean three-punch combination to the head in the second-round to drop Jerry Norris and retain his World Boxing Association junior middleweight title yesterday.

Jackson, 23, from the Virgin Islands, had trouble measuring Norris in the first round as the American kept the champion away with sharp jabs.

Jackson caught Norris against the ropes and landed a clean, powerful right which bowed the head of Norris, exposing it to a quick left and right which put the challenger down.

Norris, 22, struggled to his feet at the count of nine, but was clearly dazed and referee Joe Cortez of the United States stopped the scheduled 12-round fight at one minute, 37 seconds of the second round.

Jackson raised his record to 38-1 and Norris is now 21-3.

"Let me just say he did exactly what we thought he

would do," Jackson said after the fight. "We figured he would want to go the distance and show a lot of later movement. We worked on exactly how to solve that."

"I pinned him right against the ropes which is what I wanted to do. I was able to get inside where I wanted to go in and punch. He wanted to keep me outside," Jackson said.

"I caught him with a good punch but he has a lot of heart. He got up but he was definitely out," the champion said.

"I have been in the shadows too long. I have been a champion for two years but nobody knows who I am. That doesn't bother me. Like I said earlier, my time will come. I am proud of who I am and where I come from. I am a Virgin Islander that people in the United States and my home can be proud of," Jackson said.

Norris, disheartened by his loss, left the arena without talking to reporters.

"Let me just say he did exactly what we thought he

Wang, 94, takes third gold medal

EUGENE, Oregon, July 31. (AP) A crowd of about 4,000 at Hayward Field yesterday broke into loud applause as Wang Ching-Chang, 94, of Taipei, Taiwan, won the 100-metre dash to capture his third gold medal at the World Veterans' Championships.

Wang is president of a 50,000-member political party, "a legal one," he said. He ran the 100

metres in 23.15 seconds, easily outdistancing the only other competitor in his age group, Finland's Mikko Salonen.

The two runners played back to the applause with wide smiles.

Salonen didn't even wait for the finish. He began waving back to the delighted crowd before he crossed in front of the grandstand, about 60 metres from the finish.

But Wang was the crowd's favourite. Wang already has won gold medals for the javelin Saturday and the shot put early yesterday. He also is entered in the 200-, 400-metre and 800-metre races and the discus.

His chances are good — the most competition he has in any of those events is one other person.

In the 1987 championships in Australia, Wang won five gold

Sloothaak and Todd end on top

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 31. (AP) Frank Sloothaak of West Germany won the Grand Prix show jumping and Mark Todd, another Olympic champion from New Zealand, led the grueling three-day event as the \$148,000 Stockholm International Horse Show ended yesterday.

The US Equestrian team, which picked up a second by Mike Huber in the three-day event, dominated the show that served as a dress rehearsal for next year's inaugural World Equestrian Games. US riders won three classes and had four seconds.

Sloothaak, a member of West Germany's winning quartet in the team Grand Prix in Seoul last year, beat runner-up Philip Hefner of Britain and individual Olympic champion Pierre Durand of France in a five-way jumpoff.

The top three finishers had faultless rides on a wet and difficult Olympic Stadium course. Sloothaak clocking 38.92 seconds on Walzerkong as the last jumpoff rider.

Results
American League

New York	7	Toronto	6
Boston	5	Cleveland	5
Minnesota	14	Detroit	5
Kansas City	7	Baltimore	6
Chicago	5	California	6
Oakland	9	Seattle	6
Texas	10	Milwaukee	5
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St Louis	8	Montreal	3
Philadelphia	8	Pittsburgh	3
Atlanta	5	Cincinnati	4
Chicago	6	New York	4
Houston	6	San Francisco	4
Los Angeles	10	San Diego	1

National League

Conway breaks American record

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31. (UPI) Olympic silver medalist Hollis Conway set an American high jump record of 7-10 on the final day of the US Olympic Festival yesterday and the economically depressed state of Oklahoma congratulated itself for successfully staging America's largest amateur athletic show.

"From a spiritually uplifting standpoint," said festival executive director Clay Bennett, "this is one of the most important things to have ever taken place in this community and this state."

And from a competitive standpoint, the festival ended on an upbeat note with Conway's effort in the high jump. Conway, a student at southwestern Louisiana, was second at the Seoul Games with a leap of 7-83/4 and he bested that yesterday on his first try at 7-10.

Conway then tried three times to become the second person in as many days to clear the eight-foot barrier. But he failed three times at 8-01/2 hitting the bar with his shoulder on all three attempts.

Cuba's Javier Sotomayor became the first man to jump eight feet at the Caribbean Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Saturday night — clearing 8-01/4.

"I was sluggish at the start of the competition," Conway. "But I really attacked it and I made great jump at 7-10. It felt perfect. My confidence is building at the (eight foot) height. I know I can jump it if I put it together."

"It seems that whenever Sotomayor jumps well, I jump well immediately after. I'm a little disappointed because I wanted to be the first to jump eight feet."

Conway's American record came just two hours before the closing ceremonies were conducted at Owen Field on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. Those ceremonies were highlighted by the appearance of country music stars and a march into the stadium by many of the 15,000 volunteers who helped put on the festival.

Shortly before the ceremonies started, however, women's all-around gymnastics gold medal winner Kim Zmeskal won one gold and two silvers in the event finals.

Zmeskal, 13, one of the leading pupils of internationally famous coach Bela Karoly, won the floor exercise event and finished second on the balance beam and vault to enhance her reputation as a growing star on the American gymnastics scene.

Cockey Smith, meanwhile, won the women's 10-metre platform diving gold medal. Matt Scoggin captured the men's title on the platform and two-time member of the American Olympic fencing team Sharon Monplaisir emerged as champion in the women's foil.

Zmeskal's gold medal in the floor exercise yesterday was her third of the festival, added to her all-around title and the gold she received for being on the winning team. Joining her on the victory stand in the event competition were Amy Scherr on the vault, Shannon Miller on the uneven bars and Erika Stokes on the balance beam.

Scherr, another of Karoly's students who had struggled in the all-around competition Friday night, won the vault event despite suffering from a stress fracture in her right leg.

Moses seeks tough stance on drug use

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31. (UPI) Olympic hurdler Edwin Moses, conducting a cross-country, anti-drug campaign that stopped off at the US Olympic festival, contends the hope of stamping out performance enhancing drugs lies in random and unlimited testing.

"We're trying to increase the amount of testing that we do on a world-wide basis," Moses said before heading to Los Angeles for yet another drug seminar.

"We want to be able to test athletes all over the world all year long. We want the athletes to know that they will be caught if they use drugs. That's the whole point of the programme, we're going to take a tough stance on drug abuse all over the world."

Moses is so sincere in his anti-drug message that he is involved in three programmes, to promote testing, including one to be introduced by the athletic congress in September.

The world-record holder in the 400-metre hurdles and two-time Olympic gold medal winner is also helping on a US-Soviet programme in which one nation tests another's athletes.

"We've sent representatives from the laboratory to the Soviet Union to calibrate their laboratory and bring them to the same standards," Moses said.

"They have a particular problem where it's very difficult for them to get parts for their high-tech equipment."

"As the year closes out, we hope to have that programme completely working, and I feel that programme, is going to lead to a unified system of world-wide testing."

FIFA's edict splits opinion in Europe

London, July 31. (AP) International soccer's ruling body says all World Cup games must be played before seated crowds beginning in 1992, but some countries in Europe complain that banning standing fans would be expensive and impractical.

Last week, the world soccer body

FIFA ruled that no fans will be permitted to stand at World Cup qualifiers or final-round games leading up to 1992 competition in the United States.

Francis, president of the Pan American Athletic Commission and deputy secretary of state of Puerto Rico, said a full complement of international referees and technical officials were on hand to measure the bar and take-off area, and he foresaw no need for certification.

Starting with the preliminaries in 1992, FIFA said, matches can be played in grounds where there is standing room, but no tickets may be sold for these areas.

Any national federation failing to meet the mandate would be punished, it added, without specifying sanctions.

FIFA's decision, aimed at improving stadium safety, was speeded up by the April 15 Hillsborough disaster. Ninety-five fans in a standing-room section of the Sheffield stadium were crushed to death at an English Cup game.

According to an Associated Press survey, however, some of Europe's national associations say FIFA's new edict is unworkable.

"I have no idea how they think this could be done," said Edgar Oberuefer, general secretary of the Swiss Football Association. "I just cannot imagine FIFA enforcing such regulations. It would be impossible."

Iraq's President Primo Nebiolo of Italy saw the first two sessions but Nebiolo had to fly to Senegal and so missed the dramatic final night.

Obertuerer said most of Switzerland's main soccer arenas, including the 60,000-capacity national stadium in Bern, had only a small percentage of seats. Attendances would have to be cut dramatically to comply with FIFA's demands, he said.

"If they want transformation they should provide the funds," Obertuerer said.

Nowhere will the cost be greater than in Spain, which boasts some of the largest soccer stadiums in the world, many of them with vast areas for standing spectators.

"The FIFA decision is somewhat problematic ...," said Santiago de Julian, spokesman for the Real Madrid team.

Real's Bernabeu stadium, one of the most intimidating arenas for visiting teams, seats 58,000 out of a total capacity of 90,000.

There are plans to convert it to an all-seater and similar projects are planned at other Spanish stadiums, including FC Barcelona's Nou Camp where there are 30,000 standing places in a total of 115,000.

In Denmark, one of European soccer's hottest nations during the 1980s, officials plan to renovate the Idrætsparken stadium in Copenhagen to bring it up to FIFA requirements — but not before 1994.

At the Hysel stadium in Brussels, scene of the 1985 champions Cup disaster where 39 people died when fans of England's Liverpool team rampaged, only 25,000 places in the 65,000 capacity are seats.

In Britain, only the English national team stands to be unaffected by the new ruling.

Charles wins British seniors golf crown

TURNBERRY, Scotland, July 31. (Reuters) New Zealander Bob Charles added the British senior golf title to his British Open crown he won in 1963 when he fired a four under par final round of 66 at Turnberry yesterday.

Left-hander Charles won by seven strokes from 58-year-old American Billy Casper, who had led for three rounds. Casper followed three below par rounds with a 75.

Charles was three shots behind Casper after four holes yesterday but by the fifth was level. He sank a 20-foot putt for a par three while Casper pulled his second shot into an unplayable lie in the sandhills beside the green, taking a penalty drop and ending with a six.

Another two-shot swing at the next, where Casper's ball trickled into a bunker followed by a three-foot putt, saw Charles in front for the first time.

Said Casper: "Every time I opened the door Bob went in."

Nebiolo missed dramatic final night

NEW YORK, July 31. (Reuters) A Puerto Rican athletics official said yesterday he is confident Cuban Javier Sotomayor's high jump of 2.44 metres, or eight feet, will be certified as a world record.

But the official, Amadeo Francis, said he would have to wait until today to receive all the forms he has to fill out because

SPORTS BRIEFS

Thompson wins

GRAND BLANC, Mi., July 31. (Reuter): American Leonard Thompson, who had not won since 1977, shot a final round four-under 68 to win the \$1 million Grand Blanc Open golf tournament by a stroke over three other players yesterday.

Dutch Open

ZANDVOORT, Netherlands, July 31. (Reuter): Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal won the Dutch Open golf tournament yesterday, beating Ronan Rafferty after the longest play-off on the European tour.

Dutch player

DUNDEE, Scotland, July 31. (UPI): Dutchman Freddy van der Hoorn today became the third foreign soccer player to join Scottish Premier Division club Dundee United.

Title fight

LONDON, July 31. (AP): Tony Lopez of the United States will defend his International Boxing Federation world super-featherweight title against Britain's Jim McDonnell in Sacramento, California, on October 7, it was announced yesterday.

Taiwan triumph

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31. (AP): Defending champion Taiwan won the Far East Little League baseball tournament for the fourth straight year by edging South Korea 1-0 today.

Cycling race

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, England, July 31. (AP): Dutchman Frans Maassen won the 147-mile (235-kilometer) Wincanton Classic cycling race yesterday after breaking away from the pack with five miles (8 kilometers) to go.

Beach volleyball

JESI, Italy, July 31. (AP): Beach volleyball will make its Olympic debut as a demonstration sport in Barcelona in 1992 and could become a full-fledged Olympic event in 1996, officials announced yesterday.

Scott wins

HIKONE, Japan, July 31. (UPI): American Dave Scott won the 1989 Lake Biwa Triathlon yesterday for his second title since 1985, pacing the American sweep of the top five places in the three-event "Roman" race.

DC Classic

WASHINGTON, July 31. (Reuter): Second-seeded Brad Gilbert led fellow American top-seeded Tim Mayotte 6-3 1-1 in the final when play was postponed due to rain at the \$41,000 DC Classic yesterday.

Nation's Cup

KINSHASA, July 31. (Reuter): Egypt secured a place in the finals of the African Nations' Cup soccer tournament with a 0-0 draw against Zaïre in the second leg of a qualifying match yesterday. Egypt won the first leg 2-0.

Cup qualifier

PORT-OF-Spain, July 31. (Reuter): Trinidad and Tobago beat El Salvador 2-0 yesterday in a Concacaf World Cup qualifying soccer match here.

US tourney

TOKYO, July 31. (UPI): Isao Aoki, one of Japan's top pro golfers, will play in the US PGA Championship at the Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Illinois, Aug. 10-13, the Japan Professional Golf Association announced today.

Swedish player

STOCKHOLM, July 31. (UPI): Swedish volleyball international Anders Lundmark has signed for Belgium club Lennik VC, Swedish news agency TT reported today.

Games tennis

LONDON, July 31. (Reuter): Tennis, which returned to the Olympic Games last year after a 64-year absence, is almost certain to win its case to be part of the 1992 Barcelona Games when Olympic chiefs meet in August, official sources said today.

Brazil thrash Venezuela in Cup qualifier

CARACAS, July 31. (Reuter): Brazil beat Venezuela 4-0 yesterday in the first South American Group Three qualifying match for the 1990 World Cup, to be held in Italy.

A strong shot by Branco opened the score after just five minutes. In the second half a quick succession of goals by

Romario (68th minute) and Bebeto (80th and 81st) ended Venezuela's hopes of victory.

Venezuela played with great enthusiasm but did not have the technical skills to match the visitors. Brazil, reaching every World Cup final since 1930, won the Jules Rimet Cup in 1958, 1962

and 1970.

Venezuelan goalkeeper Cesar Baena put up a strong defence against some well-placed shots and fended off what could have been a much worse defeat before a capacity crowd of 16,000.

Venezuela will face Chile in another Group Three qualifier here on August 6. Romario.

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England pray for rain

Last chance to save the Ashes



Australian batsman Geoffrey Lawson's stump goes flying as he is bowled by Angus Fraser of England. (Reuter wirephoto)

MANCHESTER, England, July 31. (Reuter): England were left praying for rain as their last chance to save the Ashes after yet another dismal batting performance against Australia in the fourth cricket Test at Old Trafford today.

Captain David Gower's beleaguered side slumped from one disaster to another on the fourth day with only a late recovery by Jack Russell and John Emburey together with heavy rain preventing Australia taking a winning 3-0 lead in the six-match series.

Rain prevented any play in the final session leaving England on 123 for six at the close, still 64 runs short of avoiding an innings defeat.

Russell and Emburey were unbeaten on 47 and 23 respectively after 90 minutes' spirited resistance. But the damage was done long before as England's much-criticized batsmen capitulated tamely.

England collapsed to 28 for four and then 59 for six soon after lunch before Russell and Emburey shared an unbroken seventh wicket stand of 64 to offer a glimmer of hope.

England needed a solid start after Australia's last pair of Geoff Lawson and Terry Alderman had taken the touring side's first innings total to 447 — a lead of 187.

But Tim Curtis departed for a duck in only the second over when he edged a catch to David Boon at short leg off Alderman and three wickets then fell in successive overs.

Robinson was trapped lbw to Lawson for 12, first-innings hero Robin Smith tickled a leg-side catch to wicketkeeper Ian Healy off Alderman and Gooch was caught at first slip off Lawson as England slithered towards defeat.

Gower, under pressure to quit as captain, saw his side's hopes plummet further when Ian Botham went lbw for four pushing defensively at Alderman and joined the procession back to the pavilion two overs after lunch. Having made 15, he carved at a ball outside off stump from Lawrence but only succeeded in giving Geoff Marsh a catch at gully.

Tomorrow's forecast is for continuing overcast conditions but no rain.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 260 (R. Smith 143, G. Lawson six for 72, T. Hohns three for 59).
M. Taylor st Russell b Emurey 65
G. Marsh c Russell b Botham 47
D. Boon b Fraser 12
A. Border c Russell b Foster 80
D. Jones c Botham 69
S. Waugh c Curtis b Fraser 92
I. Healy lbw b Foster 0
T. Hohns c Gower b Cook 17
M. Hughes b Cook 3
G. Lawson b Fraser 17
T. Alderman not out 6
Extras (b-5 lb-7 w-1 nb-6) 19
TOTAL 447

Fall of wickets: 1-135 2-143 3-154 4-274 5-382 6-383 7-419 8-423 9-423. Bowling: Foster 34-12-74-2, Fraser 36-5-4-95-3, Emburey 45-9-118-1, Cook 28-6-85-2, Botham 24-6-63-2.

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T. Curtis c Botham b Alderman 0
T. Robinson lbw b Lawson 12
R. Smith b Alderman 1
D. Gower c Marsh b Lawson 15
I. Botham lbw b Alderman 4
J. Russell not out 47
T. Emburey not out 23
Extras (lb-3 w-2 nb-3) 8
TOTAL (for six wickets) 123-close

Fall of wickets: 1-10 2-25 3-27 4-28

5-38 6-59.

Bowling: Lawson 17-4-46-3, Alderman 13-1-38-3, Hohns 12-6-11-0, Hughes 5-0-22-0, Border 3-1-3-0.

RESULTS

At Swanscombe: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by three wickets. Northamptonshire 150 in 39.1 overs (D. Maloney 60, H. Morris 49, P. Botham three for 21). Hampshire 156 in 35.3 overs (M. Nicholas 52, I. Smith three for 22). Glamorgan four points.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Surrey by four wickets. Surrey 125 in 39.4 overs (D. Malcolm four for 21), S. Basu three for 24). Derbyshire 127 for six in 32.5 overs (M. Bell 12, D. Botham three for 14). Derbyshire four points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Leicestershire 95 for nine innings closed after 28 overs (M. Williams three for 19). Middlesex 96 for four of 26 overs. Middlesex four points.

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Kent by seven wickets. Kent 123 for eight innings closed after 22 overs (S. Hinks 45, T. Ward 41, R. Illingworth three for 18).

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Essex by nine runs. Nottinghamshire 197 for four in 37 overs (I. Botham 107). Essex 188 for 37 overs (D. Randall 70 not out, M. Newell 47). Essex after stoppages, were set 123 to win off 23 overs. Essex 113 in 22.4 overs (N. Hussain 41, K. Satchell five for 36, F. Stephenson three for 38). Nottinghamshire four points.

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